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4	BOB BURNS DOUG LITTLE
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6	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
7	INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND TO
8	TRANSFER CERTAIN OF ITS ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD
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12	Direct Testimony of Kirk Gray
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Please state your name, address and occupation?

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A. My name is Kirk Gray. My business address is 9 West Center Street, Pima, Arizona 85543. I am the Assistant General Manager of Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC" or the "Cooperative"). As such, I am responsible for assisting the current

General Manager with all aspects of GCEC's operations, finances and management.

Q. Please briefly describe your educational background and work-related experience.

A. I have a bachelor of science degree in accounting and I am a Certified Public Accountant licensed to practice in the State of Arizona. I have been the Finance Manager of GCEC for five years and four months. I was named the Assistant General Manager of GCEC on September 2, 2015.

Q. Mr. Gray, what is the purpose of your testimony?

I am testifying in support of GCEC's Application to complete the transfer of assets and service territory to the City of Safford ("Safford") pursuant to the Territorial Settlement Agreement ("TSA") entered into in December 2008 and approved by the Commission in January 2010. Specifically, GCEC is requesting that the Commission (1) delete from the Cooperative's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") the portions of the SSA not already deleted by the Commission in Decision No. 71471 (the "Decision") and (2) authorize the Cooperative's transfer to Safford of all distribution assets used to serve the load within the Safford Service Area ("SSA"). Additionally, in order to ensure a smooth customer transition from GCEC to Safford, the Cooperative is requesting that the

Commission waive the customer confidentiality rule so that GCEC can transfer customerspecific information to Safford.

BACKGROUND

Q. Mr. Gray, please describe GCEC?

A. GCEC is a non-profit, member-owned electric distribution cooperative. We were formed in 1944 and received our CC&N in 1961. The Cooperative serves areas located south and east of the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, excluding locations currently served by Safford and the Town of Thatcher. GCEC currently serves approximately 6,500 members.

Q. What is the relationship between GCEC and Safford?

Safford is a municipal corporation of the State of Arizona that operates an electric distribution system both within and outside of its corporate limits. Since 1946, GCEC and Safford have been parties to an agreement regarding their respective rights and obligations to provide electrical service in the area. One provision of the agreement anticipated Safford's future annexation of areas within the Cooperative's CC&N territory and attempted to address the parties' respective rights in the event of such annexation. Unfortunately, that provision has been the subject to significant dispute between the parties, leading to multiple lawsuits. Therefore, in an attempt to resolve ambiguities created by the prior agreement and prevent future disputes, GCEC and Safford entered into the TSA in December 2008. A copy of the TSA is attached as Exhibit KG-1.

Q. Please describe the TSA.

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The TSA clarifies each party's electric service rights and responsibilities within the corporate limits of Safford beginning in January 2009 and establishes a procedure for addressing any territory expansions by Safford in the future. With regard to service within the current corporate limits, the TSA provides for a staged transfer of the SSA territory from GCEC to Safford, with the ultimate goal being the complete transfer of the territory by January 2016. The TSA also establishes a dramatically improved procedure for Safford's future annexation of areas within the Cooperative's CC&N territory.

Q. What do you mean by "staged transfer of the SSA territory" and why did the parties structure the agreement that way?

At the time the TSA was executed, Safford did not have the infrastructure and system capabilities in place to immediately serve the load within the SSA. Therefore, the parties agreed that GCEC would continue to serve the existing (as well as some new) customers located within the SSA until Safford would be ready to serve the entire area. Accordingly, the TSA identified two separate transfers – the Initial Transfer and the Final Transfer. Pursuant to Section 6 of the TSA, the Initial Transfer occurred in January 2013, pursuant to which Safford took over service to the Wal-Mart Supercenter and GCEC assumed service to the Safford Municipal Airport properties. Section 7 of the TSA addresses the Final Transfer, which is the subject of the Cooperative's October 1, 2015 Application.

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Mr. Gray, you referenced a prior Commission decision concerning the TSA. Please explain.

In anticipation of the transactions outlined in the TSA, GCEC filed an application with the Commission in April 2009. In response to that application, the Commission issued the Decision in which it approved the TSA and granted the authorizations necessary to proceed with the Initial Transfer. However, so that the Cooperative could continue to serve the customers and locations within the SSA that were not scheduled to be transferred to Safford until the Final Transfer, the Commission required GCEC to file another application in 2015 in order to delete the remaining SSA areas from the Cooperative's CC&N and transfer the facilities necessary to serve the SSA.

FINAL TRANSFER

Are the parties prepared to proceed with the Final Transfer? Q.

> Yes. Since the execution of the TSA, GCEC and Safford have worked together to complete all necessary infrastructure and system upgrades so that Safford will be able to serve the load within the SSA. Specifically, Safford upgraded its substation and built in 69 kV transmission switching capability to facilitate GCEC's new 69 kV double circuit into the substation to provide transmission loop feed. Safford also upgraded a primary distribution line to be able to handle the load after the Final Transfer of the SSA.

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How many GCEC customers are served in the area that will be deleted from the Cooperative's CC&N?

As of October 1, 2015, GCEC has a total of 778 electric meters in the SSA. However, this number may change between now and the Final Transfer because there are active developments within the SSA area that were excluded from the Commission's Decision and therefore are currently within the Cooperative's CC&N service territory. Based on recent trends, we anticipate that GCEC may add as many as 12 new customers in those developments before the Final Transfer.

GCEC is also requesting Commission authorization to transfer to Safford all distribution assets used to serve the load within the SSA, correct?

Yes. The current list of facilities includes those that were in place as of January 1, 2009 and those GCEC added after that date, attached as Exhibits KG-2 and KG-3, respectively. Additionally, for the same reasons that the number of customers within the SSA may increase prior to the Final Transfer, the number of facilities may also increase. Accordingly, the Cooperative is requesting that the Commission's Order include authorization to transfer to Safford the facilities identified on the two lists as well as any facilities that GCEC may construct within the SSA prior to the Final Transfer.

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What is the distinction between facilities in place as of January 1, 2009 and those that were added after that date?

Under the TSA, the purchase price that Safford will pay GCEC is calculated based on the replacement cost less depreciation ("RCLD") of the facilities that were in place on January 1, 2009 (but in no event less than \$950,000 or greater than \$1,250,000) plus the cost of facilities installed by GCEC after January 1, 2009. As indicated on Exhibit KG-2, the RCLD of the SSA facilities that existed as of January 1, 2009 is \$662,892.99, which is less than the minimum purchase price set forth in the TSA. Exhibit KG-3 shows the cost of facilities installed from January 1, 2009 through August 2015. Because this calculation will be revised to incorporate the cost data for facilities installed in September 2015 and over the next few months, the total purchase price is not yet known. However, we estimate the final purchase price will be in the \$975,000 range.

Q. Mr. Gray, can you please describe some of the benefits associated with the TSA and the Final Transfer?

There are many benefits. As the Commission acknowledged in the Decision, the TSA resolved a long-standing dispute between GCEC and Safford over service rights in and around Safford. In addition to working cooperatively over the past several years, after the Final Transfer we anticipate a more peaceful coexistence given the TSA provisions addressing future Safford annexations and because the Cooperative will continue to provide transmission wheeling services to Safford pursuant to the parties' Wheeling and Transmission Agreement. From a financial perspective, the Cooperative will benefit from

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the TSA's minimum purchase price clause and the future wheeling revenues. Additionally, GCEC will avoid litigation (including potential condemnation) in connection with Safford's current acquisition and future annexations.

What impact will the Final Transfer have on the customers within the SSA?

We have worked with Safford to make the transition as seamless as possible for the customers. In 2009, GCEC mailed notices to all customers within the SSA as well as owners of large undeveloped tracks of land in the area describing the anticipated transfer to Safford. Since then, the Cooperative has explained the transfer to all new customers and intends to send another notice to affected customers in a form prescribed by the Administrative Law Judge. GCEC is not aware of any customer opposition to the transfer, most likely because Safford's rates are fairly consistent with the Cooperative's (and in some cases are lower). The transfer will also benefit customers who currently receive other utility services from Safford by consolidating providers. Finally, customers who move to the SSA in the future will avoid confusion regarding which entity to contact for electrical service.

When will the transfer of customers occur?

The TSA calls for the Final Transfer to take place on or after December 31, 2015. In order to coordinate some of the logistics (including final meter readings), Safford and GCEC have scheduled the transfer to begin on January 4, 2016. During the transfer, there may be some

¹ GCEC will supplement this filing with a comparison of the rates and terms of service, which will be identified as Exhibit KG-4.

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intermittent loss of power due to system switching between GCEC and Safford, but any loss will be temporary and the parties will work together to minimize any customer inconvenience. In a proactive effort to provide a smooth transition process, Section 16 of the TSA requires GCEC to provide Safford with customer lists, addresses, billing information, load histories and other relevant account information, which is why the Cooperative is also requesting Commission waiver of the customer confidentiality rule.² After the Final Transfer, GCEC will send a final bill to the transferred customers (based on the final meter reads). For customers who have a deposit on file, their final GCEC bills will include a deposit refund and, if the deposit amount exceeds the final bill amount, the Cooperative will refund the remaining balance via check to the customer directly. All future electric service bills will be issued by Safford.

CONCLUSION

Q. Do you have any concluding remarks?

I do. Section 7 of the TSA will require the Cooperative to make monthly payments to Safford if Commission authorization is not received in time for the January 4, 2016 Final Transfer. Accordingly, GCEC greatly appreciates the Commission's assistance with this matter, including the expedited processing by the Utilities Division and the prompt attention of Hearing Division.

For the reasons stated herein and in our October 1, 2015 Application, GCEC respectfully requests that the Commission enter its Order at the December 2015 Open Meeting (1)

² GCEC will file a supplemental Exhibit KG-5 confirming Safford's customer confidentiality practices.

deleting from the Cooperative's CC&N the portions of the SSA not already deleted by the Decision, (2) authorizing the Cooperative's transfer to Safford of all distribution assets used to serve the load within the SSA and (3) waiving A.A.C. R14-203(A)(2) to permit the Cooperative to share any necessary customer information in connection with the Final Transfer.

- Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?
- A. Yes, it does.

TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. AGREEMENT AND PARTIES.

This Territorial Settlement Agreement ("this Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Safford and Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Parties") pursuant to the Principles as defined in Section 2.9.

- 2. DEFINITIONS.
 - 2.1 "ACC" refers to the Arizona Corporation Commission.
 - 2.2 "Airport Property" refers to the property described on Exhibit "A" hereto.
 - 2.3 "Authorized Representative" refers to a representative designated from time to time by a Party to work with the designated representative of the other Party and having the authority of such Party to implement the agreements of the Parties set forth in this Agreement.
 - 2.4 "CFC" refers to the National Rural Utility Cooperative Finance Corporation.
 - 2.5 "Graham" refers to Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 - 2.6 "Graham's CC&N" refers to Graham's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity issued by the ACC in its Decision No. 33006 dated April 6, 1961.
 - 2.7 "Lawsuits" refers to Graham County Superior Court Cause Nos. CV2005-0081 and CV2005-0083.
 - 2.8 "1946 Agreement" refers to the Agreement entered into by and between Safford, Graham, and the City of Thatcher and dated January 22, 1946.
 - 2.9 "Principles" refers to the Settlement Principles of Territorial Issues Between Safford and Graham entered into on September 8, 2008.
 - 2.10 "Safford" refers to the City of Safford.
 - 2.11 "Safford Service Area" refers to the area depicted on Exhibit "B" hereto.
 - 2.12 "Wal-Mart Property" refers to the property to the east of 20th Avenue, between US 70 and 8th Street, on which the Wal-Mart SuperCenter is located.
 - 2.13 "Wheeling and Transmission Agreement" refers to the Wheeling and Transmission Agreement Between Safford and Graham entered into contemporaneously herewith, as may be amended from time to time.

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3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Agreement shall become effective as of January 1, 2009 (the "Effective Date").

4. PROVISION OF SERVICE WITHIN THE SAFFORD SERVICE AREA.

- 4.1 Except as otherwise provided pursuant to other provisions in this Agreement set forth below, from January 1, 2009 through the closing of the sale of the Final Transfer Facilities pursuant to Section 7 herein, Safford and Graham shall each continue to provide electric service to the existing loads and customers within the Safford Service Area that each of them is serving as of the Effective Date.
- 4.2 Graham will not object to Safford connecting new customer loads located within the Safford Service Area to Safford's distribution facilities and providing electric service to such new loads after January 1, 2009.
- 4.3 Customers that are receiving construction or temporary service from Graham as of January 1, 2009 within the Safford Service Area shall become customers of Safford on the date such construction or temporary service is connected to Safford's distribution facilities. Safford shall have the right to and shall make such connections no later than the closing of the sale of the Final Transfer Facilities pursuant to Section 7 herein.
- 4.4 If, after January 1, 2009, any customer requires new or temporary service within the Safford Service Area, and Safford has not acquired the Final Transfer Facilities, as defined in Section 7, and it is anticipated that Safford will not have constructed connecting distribution facilities in order to provide the service to the new customer, the Parties agree that Graham (and not Safford) will, after discussions, deliberation, and agreement with Safford, proceed to install all necessary facilities to timely serve the new customer's load, temporarily connecting any such new customer's load to Graham-owned distribution facilities.
 - 4.4.1. In such event, such new customer shall become a retail customer of Graham and such new customer's load shall continue to be served by Graham until the Final Transfer Facilities are transferred to Safford.
 - 4.4.2 Also in such event, Safford shall reimburse Graham for Graham's actual cost of installing all necessary facilities to serve such new customer's load, including any line extension costs, but less any contributions that would be payable by such customer for such facilities, at the time of closing of the transaction transferring the Final Transfer Facilities to Safford.
- 4.5 Graham shall also serve, until the Final Transfer Facilities are transferred to Safford, any new customer's load located within the Safford Service Area, which customer: (i) demands service from Graham prior to the date that the ACC approves the modification to Graham's CC&N pursuant to Section 8; and (ii) refuses to instead be connected to Safford's distribution system to be served by Safford pending the transfer of the Final Transfer Facilities to Safford.

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- 4.5.1 Safford shall reimburse Graham for the actual cost of facilities installed by Graham, including any line extension costs, but less any contribution paid by the customer and retained by Graham, for such service to customers pursuant to this Section 4.5, but in no event shall such reimbursement be any greater than the costs that the Parties agree would be incurred by Safford to connect such customer to Safford's distribution system (less any contributions that would be payable by such customer).
- 4.5.2 Safford shall pay Graham such agreed upon costs at the closing of the transaction transferring the Final Transfer Facilities to Safford.
- 4.6 The costs incurred for and any value of the facilities and associated line extensions described in Section 4.4 and Section 4.5 shall be excluded from the final RCLD Purchase Price of the Final Transfer Facilities determined pursuant to Section 7.3(i), and instead shall be payable pursuant to Section 7.3(ii).

5. PROVISION OF SERVICE OUTSIDE THE SAFFORD SERVICE AREA.

- 5.1 Beginning January 1, 2009, Safford shall have the right to provide electric service in territory outside the Safford Service Area to customers located in areas annexed by Safford, provided Safford first acquires, pursuant to the procedures specified in this Section 5, Graham's distribution facilities used to serve loads located in such annexed areas.
- 5.2 In any such acquisition of facilities by Safford from Graham pursuant to Section 5.1, Graham shall retain any facilities necessary for Graham to continue to provide service to its customers' loads in area(s) Graham will be continuing to serve. The Parties shall make good faith efforts to promptly identify the facilities to be retained by Graham.
- 5.3 For any such acquisition pursuant to Section 5.1, Safford shall give Graham three (3) years' written notice of its intention to purchase Graham's electrical distribution facilities used to serve load located in any such annexed area outside the Safford Service Area that Safford intends to serve. Graham shall file and diligently pursue appropriate requests with the ACC, the CFC, and any other holder(s) of liens on the facilities being acquired, requesting (i) approval of the transfer to Safford of title to such facilities, (ii) release of any and all liens made by Graham on such facilities, and (iii) authority to discontinue retail electric service to the affected customers as of the third anniversary of the notice. Graham shall use reasonable efforts to obtain approval by the ACC, CFC, and any such lienholder prior to the third anniversary of the notice. Safford agrees to assist Graham in obtaining such approvals by providing a letter and testimony in support of the approvals, if testimony is requested by Graham or the ACC, at Safford's own expense.
- 5.4 The purchase price paid to Graham for any such facilities acquired by Safford pursuant to Section 5.1 shall be five (5) times the annual billings for service to customers in the annexed area (such billings to be determined by reference to Graham's records,

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which Graham shall make available to Safford, and which Safford may audit at its sole expense) based upon the total amount of all ACC authorized items and charges shown on the last twelve monthly bills for each customer in the annexed area, with the last of such twelve monthly bills to be the last one that was sent at least thirty days before the third anniversary of the notice.

- 5.5 In the event Graham adds facilities in the territory after Safford has given the written notice pursuant to Section 5.3 and prior to acquisition, the formula set forth in Section 5.4 shall be used to determine the purchase price of such facilities, and in the event such facilities have not been installed for one full year prior to acquisition, a full year of service and billings for the customers being served by such additional facilities added in the annexed area shall be developed to determine the purchase price based upon proration of available service and billing data. For service to any customer(s) being served by such additional facilities added in the annexed area to whom no monthly bill has been sent at least thirty days before the third anniversary of the notice, the Parties will, within thirty days after the closing date, calculate and agree on the additional purchase price of the added facilities for such customer(s) based on a prorated year of billings for such customer(s), and Safford shall then pay Graham such additional purchase price amount within thirty days after the Parties agree on the calculation.
- 5.6 Subject to receipt of necessary regulatory and other approvals necessary to sell such facilities to Safford, the scheduled closing date for the transfer of any facilities pursuant to Sections 5.1 through 5.5 shall be the third anniversary of the date the notice is given. The form and substance of any transfer documentation for the transfer of such facilities shall be reasonably satisfactory to both Parties and shall warrant that such facilities and associated real property interests are being conveyed free and clear of any monetary liens.
- 5.7 In the event, for any reason, Graham has not obtained approval from the ACC, CFC, or any other person or entity holding a lien made by Graham on Graham's portion of the facilities to be transferred pursuant to Sections 5.1 through 5.5 prior to the third anniversary of the date notice is given pursuant to Section 5.3, Graham shall pay Safford, until the closing of the sale of the facilities being acquired, a fee equal to the product of a rate (in Dollars per kWh) equal to the then current wheeling rate (in Dollars per kWh), multiplied by all monthly retail electric sales in kWh of Graham's customer accounts, starting as of such third anniversary of the notice, for customers served by the facilities being acquired.
- 5.8 Safford shall, as the sole alternative to using its powers of condemnation, use the method set forth in Sections 5.2 to 5.7 for the purpose of expanding its electric system and electric services beyond the Safford Service Area.
 - 5.8.1 However, nothing contained herein shall (i) bar Safford from increasing its municipal boundaries pursuant to lawful annexation of properties, or (ii) limit the right of Safford to exercise its powers of condemnation.

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- 5.8.2 If, however, Safford chooses to proceed by condemnation against Graham, Graham shall not be limited in such proceeding to the determination of a value for its facilities as specified in this Agreement, including without limitation the formulae set forth in Sections 5.4 and 5.5.
- 5.9 Graham will not object to Safford expanding its distribution system outside of (a) the Safford Service Area or (b) any area where Safford has acquired facilities and service rights pursuant to Sections 5.1 through 5.5 if such expansion is solely for reliability purposes, interconnects with electric facilities of Graham in accordance with the Wheeling and Transmission Agreement, or with the Town of Thatcher, and so long as such facilities serve no retail electric distribution load that is not within either (a) the Safford Service Area, or (b) any area where Safford has acquired facilities and service rights pursuant to Sections 5.1 through 5.5.
- 5.10 Subject to the provisions of Section 8.5, the 1946 Agreement is hereby terminated.

6. INITIAL TRANSFER DATE AND INITIAL TRANSFER FACILITIES.

- 6.1 Electric service to the electric customers' loads of the Airport Property shall continue under existing arrangements until the Initial Transfer Date, as defined in Section 6.2, so that until the Initial Transfer Facilities, as defined in Section 6.3, are exchanged between the Parties, Safford will receive and pay for retail electric service from Graham, as measured by a master meter, and may resell the power to individually metered customers. Graham shall continue to provide service to the Wal-Mart Property until the closing of the sale of the Initial Transfer Facilities.
- 6.2 On December 31, 2012 ("Initial Transfer Date"), or on such later date as may be required pursuant to Section 6.7, the Parties shall simultaneously enter into the following exchanges and transfers, each of which shall be conditioned upon and in consideration for the other:
 - 6.2.1 In exchange and consideration for the transfer described in Section 6.2.2, Safford shall purchase from Graham, and Graham shall sell and convey to Safford, Graham's distribution facilities, and its real property interests concerning such distribution facilities, used in providing electric service to the Wal-Mart Property; and
 - 6.2.2 In exchange and consideration for the transfer described in Section 6.2.1, Graham shall purchase from Safford, and Safford shall sell and convey to Graham, Safford's distribution facilities, and its real property interests concerning such distribution facilities, used in providing electric service to the Airport Property.

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- 6.3 The Wal-Mart Property and Airport Property facilities and associated real property interests are collectively referred to as the "Initial Transfer Facilities." The Authorized Representatives of the Parties shall identify and agree upon the specific facilities that are Initial Transfer Facilities no later than December 31, 2011.
- On or before January 15, 2012, Graham shall file appropriate requests with the ACC, the CFC, and any other holder(s) of liens on Graham's portion of such Initial Transfer Facilities, requesting (i) approval of the transfer to Safford of title to Graham's portion of the Initial Transfer Facilities, (ii) release of any and all liens made by Graham on Graham's portion of the Initial Transfer Facilities, and (iii) authority to discontinue retail electric service to the affected customers as of the Initial Transfer Date. Graham shall use reasonable efforts to obtain approval by the ACC, CFC, and any such lienholder prior to the Initial Transfer Date. Safford agrees to assist Graham in obtaining such approvals by providing a letter and testimony in support of the approvals, if testimony is requested by Graham or the ACC, at Safford's own expense.
- 6.5 In the event, for any reason, Graham has not obtained approval from the ACC, CFC, or any other person or entity holding a lien made by Graham on Graham's portion of the Initial Transfer Facilities prior to the Initial Transfer Date, Graham shall pay Safford a fee equal to the product of a rate (in Dollars per kWh) equal to the then current wheeling rate (in Dollars per kWh), multiplied by all monthly retail electric sales in kWh of Graham's customer accounts, starting January 1, 2013, for customers served by Graham's portion of the Initial Transfer Facilities.
- Such payments to Safford shall continue until Graham obtains approval from the ACC, CFC, or any other lienholder, or, in the event of CFC or other lienholder approval delay, Graham provides an alternative to lien release satisfactory to Safford and Graham, such as collateral or indemnity.
- Safford and Graham shall close the sale of the Initial Transfer Facilities within ten 6.7 (10) days after Graham provides notice that it has either obtained the approvals and releases required by Section 6.4 or that it has provided satisfactory alternatives as described in Section 6.6, but not sooner than the Initial Transfer Date. The form and substance of any transfer documentation for the transfer of Initial Transfer Facilities shall be reasonably satisfactory to both Parties and shall warrant that such facilities and associated real property interests are being conveyed free and clear of any monetary liens. Each Party shall pay half of any escrow or related costs, charges, or fees, if any.

7. FINAL TRANSFER DATE AND FINAL TRANSFER FACILITIES.

- Effective as of December 31, 2015, or upon the closing of the sale of the Final Transfer Facilities pursuant to Section 7.8, whichever is later, Safford shall become the sole provider of electric service within the Safford Service Area.
- On December 31, 2015 ("Final Transfer Date"), or on such later date as may be required pursuant to Section 7.8, Safford shall purchase from Graham, and Graham shall sell and convey to Safford, Graham's distribution facilities, and its real property interests

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concerning such distribution facilities, used in providing electric service to loads existing within the Safford Service Area ("Final Transfer Facilities"), and any such distribution facilities that may be installed by Graham within the Safford Service Area pursuant to Sections 4.4 and 4.5. The Authorized Representatives of the Parties shall identify and agree upon the specific facilities that are Final Transfer Facilities no later than November 15, 2014.

- 7.3 The total purchase price for the Final Transfer Facilities and for any distribution facilities installed by Graham pursuant to Sections 4.4 and 4.5 shall consist of the sum of: (i) an amount equal to replacement cost less depreciation ("RCLD") of the Final Transfer Facilities as of the Final Transfer Date, but in no event to be less than \$950,000 or greater than \$1,250,000 ("RCLD Purchase Price"); plus (ii) any amounts payable by Safford pursuant to Sections 4.4 and 4.5 and as set forth in Section 4.6.
 - 7.3.1 RCLD as used herein shall mean a valuation of such distribution facilities derived by using estimates of the cost to replace such facilities with facilities of similar productive capacity as of the valuation date, less the depreciation, which shall be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, that has accumulated on such existing facilities based on the transferring party's service records, extending such depreciation through the valuation date.
 - 7.3.2 Graham shall provide Safford with its estimate of the RCLD Purchase Price no later than November 15, 2014, and the Parties will work in good faith to agree on the RCLD Purchase Price prior to January 15, 2015.
 - 7.3.3 In the event the Parties are unable to agree on the RCLD Purchase Price and are therefore in dispute as to the RCLD Purchase Price as of January 15, 2015, the amount to be deposited as the RCLD Purchase Price pursuant to Section 7.4 shall be the midpoint between the estimate derived by Graham and the estimate derived by Safford, but in no event shall such amount be less than \$950,000 nor greater than \$1,250,000.
 - 7.3.4 If the midpoint is used for the deposit and either Party is dissatisfied with using the midpoint as the RCLD Purchase Price, either Party may refer the derivation of the RCLD Purchase Price for resolution pursuant to the dispute resolution process set forth in Section 11, with the arbitrator(s) required to resolve the final RCLD Purchase Price prior to the Final Transfer Date.
- 7.4 No later than January 15, 2015, Safford shall deposit into an escrow account at a bank, escrow company, or other similar institution of Safford's choice, the RCLD Purchase Price for the Final Transfer Facilities determined pursuant to Section 7.3. Any interest accumulated in the escrow account prior to the Final Transfer Date shall belong to Safford, and each Party shall pay half of any escrow or related costs, charges, or fees. Any amount of such deposit not needed as part of the final RCLD Purchase Price shall be

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refunded to Safford at the close of the sale of the Final Transfer Facilities. Any deficiency in the amount of the funds deposited with respect to the final RCLD Purchase Price shall be paid by Safford to Graham at the closing of the sale of the Final Transfer Facilities.

- 7.5 On or before January 15, 2015, Graham shall file appropriate requests with the ACC, the CFC, and any other holder(s) of liens on the Final Transfer Facilities, requesting (i) approval of the transfer to Safford of title to the Final Transfer Facilities, (ii) release of any and all liens made by Graham on the Final Transfer Facilities, and (iii) authority to discontinue retail electric service to the affected customers as of the Final Transfer Date. Graham shall use reasonable efforts to obtain approval by the ACC, CFC, and any such lienholder prior to the Final Transfer Date. Safford agrees to assist Graham in obtaining such approvals by providing a letter and testimony in support of the approvals, if testimony is requested by Graham or the ACC, at Safford's own expense.
- 7.6 In the event, for any reason, Graham has not obtained approval from the ACC, CFC, or any other person or entity holding a lien made by Graham on the Final Transfer Facilities prior to the Final Transfer Date, Graham shall pay Safford a fee equal to the product of a rate (in Dollars per kWh) equal to the then current wheeling rate (in Dollars per kWh), multiplied by all monthly retail electric sales in kWh of Graham's customer accounts, starting January 1, 2016 for customers served by the Final Transfer Facilities and any customers served pursuant to Section 4.4 and Section 4.5.
- 7.7 Such payments to Safford shall continue until Graham obtains approval from the ACC, CFC, or any other lienholder, or, in the event of CFC or other lien-holder approval delay, Graham provides an alternative to lien release satisfactory to Safford and Graham, such as collateral or indemnity.
- 7.8 Within ten (10) days after Graham provides notice that it has either obtained the approvals and releases required by Section 7.5 or that it has provided satisfactory alternatives as described in Section 7.7, but not sooner than the Final Transfer Date, Safford and Graham shall notify the escrow agent of the final RCLD Purchase Price pursuant to Section 7.3 and shall close the sale of the Final Transfer Facilities. The form and substance of any transfer documentation for the transfer of Final Transfer Facilities shall be reasonably satisfactory to both Parties and shall warrant that such facilities and associated real property interests are being conveyed free and clear of any monetary liens.

8. ACC APPROVAL TO MODIFY GRAHAM'S CC&N.

8.1 Within 120 days after execution of this Agreement, Graham shall file with the ACC, and shall then diligently prosecute, an application to modify its CC&N to exclude from its service territory the Safford Service Area. In the application process, Graham will also notify the ACC of the reservations and provisions herein relating principally to: (i) Graham's continuing service in the periods prior to the Initial Transfer Date and Final Transfer Date; (ii) the transfer of the Initial Transfer Facilities and Final Transfer Facilities; and (iii) the interim service arrangements described in Section 4.

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- 8.2 Safford shall assist Graham in obtaining this ACC approval by providing, at Safford's sole expense, a letter and testimony in support of such ACC approval, if requested by Graham or the ACC.
- 8.3 If requested by the ACC, Safford agrees to provide a legal description of the Safford Service Area at its expense.
- 8.4 If requested by the ACC, the Parties shall work cooperatively to provide a description of the areas served by Graham with the Initial Transfer Facilities and the Final Transfer Facilities.
- 8.5 If the ACC has not by written order approved such modification to Graham's CC&N by June 30, 2010, the Parties will cooperate and work together for an additional 180 day period to attempt to resolve any issues or concerns the ACC may have raised and/or to otherwise effectuate ACC approval of modification to the CC&N. If, by the end of that additional 180 day period, the ACC has not by written order approved modification to Graham's CC&N, and the Parties have not otherwise agreed to further extend the period to continue working to achieve ACC approval, the 1946 Agreement will again become effective and reinstated.
- 8.6 In the event the 1946 Agreement becomes effective and reinstated pursuant to Section 8.5, the Parties agree to inform the Graham County Superior Court in the Lawsuits of such reinstatement, and either Party may petition the Court to resume its proceedings in the Lawsuits. In the event the 1946 Agreement becomes effective and reinstated pursuant to Section 8.5, the Parties hereby agree that any applicable statute of limitations, statute of repose, or other applicable time limitation governing or relating to any of the claims or causes of action that were or could have been raised in the Lawsuits or that relate to the subject matter of this Agreement, shall be and hereby are tolled and shall not expire until two years after the date the 1946 Agreement becomes effective and reinstated.
- 8.7 If and when the ACC approves the modification to Graham's CC&N pursuant to Section 8.1, the Parties will promptly take such actions as are necessary to have the Lawsuits dismissed with prejudice, with each Party to bear its own costs and attorneys' fees.

CONDITION OF AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRANSFER FACILITIES.

9.1 Each Party shall accept the Initial Transfer Facilities, the Final Transfer Facilities, and any other facilities transferred pursuant to Section 5, and the associated conveyed real property interests, AS IS and WHERE IS, as of the Initial Transfer Date, the Final Transfer Date, and the date of transfer of other facilities pursuant to Section 5, respectively; provided that the conveying Party shall maintain its facilities that are subject to sale and transfer hereunder in accordance with standard utility practice in the period prior to the sale and transfer of any such facilities.

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- 9.2 Whenever any facilities and respective associated real property interests are transferred and conveyed pursuant to Sections 5, 6, and 7, the selling Party shall no longer hold any right, title, or interest in such transferred facilities and associated real property interests.
- 9.3 Further, whenever any facilities and respective associated real property interests are transferred and conveyed pursuant to Sections 5, 6, and 7, the purchasing Party shall then be solely responsible for: (i) providing electric service to the customers connected to such transferred facilities, and (ii) all right, title, interest, operation, maintenance, and disposition of such transferred facilities and associated real property interests.

10. EASEMENTS.

- 10.1 The Parties agree that easements required by a requesting Party from the other Party to enable the requesting Party to perform in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be made available to the requesting Party without undue cost or delay by the other Party. Each Party agrees to be reasonable within standard utility practice with respect to the locations it requests for such easements in the service territory of the other Party.
- 10.2 Any easement that has been granted by a Party to the other Party shall not be set aside by the granting Party so long as the other Party requires such easement to provide electric service in its service territory pursuant to this Agreement.

11. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

- 11.1 Any question, dispute, or controversy (a "dispute") arising out of or related to the terms and/or subject matter of this Agreement shall be submitted in writing by the Authorized Representative of the disputing Party to the Authorized Representative of the other Party. The Authorized Representatives shall attempt to resolve any such dispute within fifteen (15) days of such submittal and presentation.
- 11.2 In the event the Authorized Representatives are unable to resolve the dispute within such fifteen (15) days, such dispute shall be submitted by the disputing Party to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedures set forth as follows:
 - 11.2.1 The Authorized Representatives shall attempt to agree on the selection, retention, and appointment of a single neutral independent arbitrator with expertise in the area of the dispute, within ten (10) business days after expiration of the fifteen (15) day resolution period in Section 11.1 above. The cost of such single arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within that ten (10) business day period, each Party shall choose one arbitrator within the next five (5) business days who shall sit on a three (3) member arbitration panel. Safford shall retain and provide one arbitrator at its sole expense and Graham shall retain and provide one arbitrator at its sole expense. Those two arbitrators shall select and retain a third independent arbitrator, who shall chair the arbitration panel. The expenses related to the third

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independent arbitrator shall be shared equally by Safford and Graham. In either case, the arbitrators shall not have any current or past substantial business or financial relationships with any Party to the arbitration (except prior arbitration).

11.2.2 The arbitrator(s) shall conduct an arbitration of the dispute within twenty (20) days after appointment (or such shorter or longer time as agreed upon by the arbitrator(s) and approved by the Parties). The arbitrator(s) shall provide each of the Parties with the opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall generally conduct the arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association and applicable substantive law. Except to the extent it would be contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions herein, the provisions of A.R.S. §§ 12-1501 et seq. shall apply. If there is a three member panel rather than a single arbitrator, the powers of the arbitrators, including the power to issue rulings on the merits of the dispute, may be exercised by a majority.

11.2.3 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within thirty (30) days following the arbitration, and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons for it, but without the necessity of detailed findings of fact and conclusions of law. In the discretion of the arbitrator(s), the ruling may include an award of the prevailing Party's costs and reasonable attorneys' fees against the other Party. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding on the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be opposed or modified in accordance with and for the reasons set forth in A.R.S. §§ 12-1512 and 1513.

12. SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

In addition to such other remedies as may be available under applicable law, the Parties acknowledge that the remedies of specific performance and/or injunctive relief shall be available and proper through an arbitration proceeding pursuant to Section 11 in the event any Party fails or refuses to perform its duties hereunder.

13. AUTHORITY FOR THIS AGREEMENT.

- 13.1 Graham and Safford each represent and warrant that the person signing this Agreement on its behalf has full authority to execute this Agreement, and that it has taken all action necessary or appropriate under applicable law and the organizational documents of such Party to make this Agreement the valid and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 13.2 Graham represents and warrants that it is an Arizona non-profit electric cooperative that was incorporated in 1945 and is duly formed, validly existing, and in good standing pursuant to the laws of the State of Arizona and has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement.

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13.3 Safford represents and warrants that it is an Arizona municipal corporation duly formed, validly existing, and in good standing pursuant to the laws of the State of Arizona and has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

Together with the contemporaneously executed Wheeling and Transmission Agreement, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and may be modified only by a written instrument signed by the parties hereto.

15. EXHIBITS.

Each Exhibit identified in and attached to this Agreement is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement as if set forth in its entirety wherever referenced in this Agreement, and may be modified or replaced by a substitute Exhibit only upon the mutual agreement of both Parties evidenced by their signatures on the substitute Exhibit together with identification of the prior Exhibit and the effective date of substitution.

16. COOPERATION IN TRANSFER OF RECORDS AND SERVICE.

Each Party shall promptly cooperate with the other Party in all reasonable respects to provide for a smooth and uninterrupted transition of electric service to each customer affected by this Agreement, including without limitation by providing the other Party customer lists, addresses, billing information, load histories, and other relevant account information necessary or convenient to facilitate the accurate identification of all customers affected, the delivery by the Parties of notices of the transition, and the provision of continued and uninterrupted electric service to all such customers.

17. NOTICES.

Any notice or other written communication to or upon Safford or Graham pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed properly made and received if made in writing and addressed to the person(s) and address(es) for Safford and Graham set forth below, and shall be effective (i) three days after it is deposited and post-marked with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or (ii) upon hand delivery:

If to Graham:

General Manager
Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
9 West Center Street
Pima, Arizona 85543

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With a copy to:

Michael M. Grant Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A. 2575 East Camelback Road # 1100 Phoenix. Arizona 85016-9225

If to Safford:

City Manager
City of Safford
717 Main Street
Safford, Arizona 85548-0272

With copies to:

City Attorney
City of Safford
717 Main Street
Safford, Arizona 85548-0272

K.R. Saline & Associates 160 North Pasadena, # 101 Mesa, Arizona 85201-6764

Routine correspondence regarding mutual discussions, negotiations, deliberations, transactions, or operations may be made by electronic mail, facsimile, telephone, or such other means as the Parties may mutually determine from time to time in furtherance of efficient, effective, and cooperative communication.

18. UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES.

No Party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of its obligations hereunder when a delay in or failure of performance shall be due to an Uncontrollable Force. The term "Uncontrollable Force" shall mean any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party affected, which by exercise of due diligence such Party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which by exercise of due diligence it shall be unable to overcome, including but not restricted to failure of facilities, flood, earthquake, storm, fire, lightning, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance or disobedience, labor dispute, shortage of labor, fuel, transportation, or material, sabotage, regulation or restriction imposed by governmental or lawfully established authority, or restraint by court order or public authority. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require a Party to settle any strike or labor dispute in which it may be involved. Any Party that fails to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder by reason of an Uncontrollable Force shall give prompt notice, followed by written notice of such fact to the other Party and an estimate, if possible, of when the Party claiming the Uncontrollable Force believes in good faith that the Uncontrollable Force will end and that performance will resume. The Party claiming the Uncontrollable Force shall exercise due diligence to resume the performance of such obligation(s) with all reasonable dispatch.

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19. BINDING ON SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

It is intended that all of the provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto, their legal representatives, successors, and assigns. Neither Party shall transfer or assign all or any portion of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

20. TIME OF THE ESSENCE.

Time is of the essence with respect to the performance of all terms, covenants, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement. If the date or deadline for any notice, act, or event required or contemplated by the terms of this Agreement falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, such date or deadline shall continue over to the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

21. COOPERATION.

The parties hereto shall execute, acknowledge, and deliver such other instruments and documents as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the full intent and purpose of this Agreement.

22. ARIZONA LAW GOVERNS.

This Agreement and the rights of the parties hereto shall be interpreted, governed, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona.

23. WAIVER.

Either of the parties shall have the right to excuse or waive performance by the other party of any obligation under this Agreement by a writing signed by the Party so excusing or waiving. No delay in exercising any right or remedy shall constitute a waiver thereof, and no waiver by either Party of the breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other covenant or condition of this Agreement.

24. COUNTERPARTS.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

25. TERM.

This Agreement shall continue and remain in effect in perpetuity, unless and until it is modified or terminated by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

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26. INTERPRETATION.

This Agreement is the result of negotiations between the Parties and, accordingly, shall not be construed for or against any Party regardless of which entity drafted this Agreement or any portion thereof.

27. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

Notice is hereby given of the provisions of A.R.S. § 38-511.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Safford and Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. have caused this Territorial Settlement Agreement to be executed, attested, and delivered by their respective duly authorized executives.

CITY OF SAFFORD	
By: Soyalow. The	Date: 18 19 08
Name: RONALD M. GREEN	- 10
Title: MAYOR	ATTEST By: XIO VIA Suptr
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
By: Jeffrey C. Zimmerman, Moyes, Sellers & Sims, Special Outside Counsel	
GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERAT	TIVE, INC.
By: Lene Robert Laren	Date: 12-18-08
Name: BENEROBERT LARSON	
Title: BOARD PRESIDENT	ATTEST By: Stire In June.

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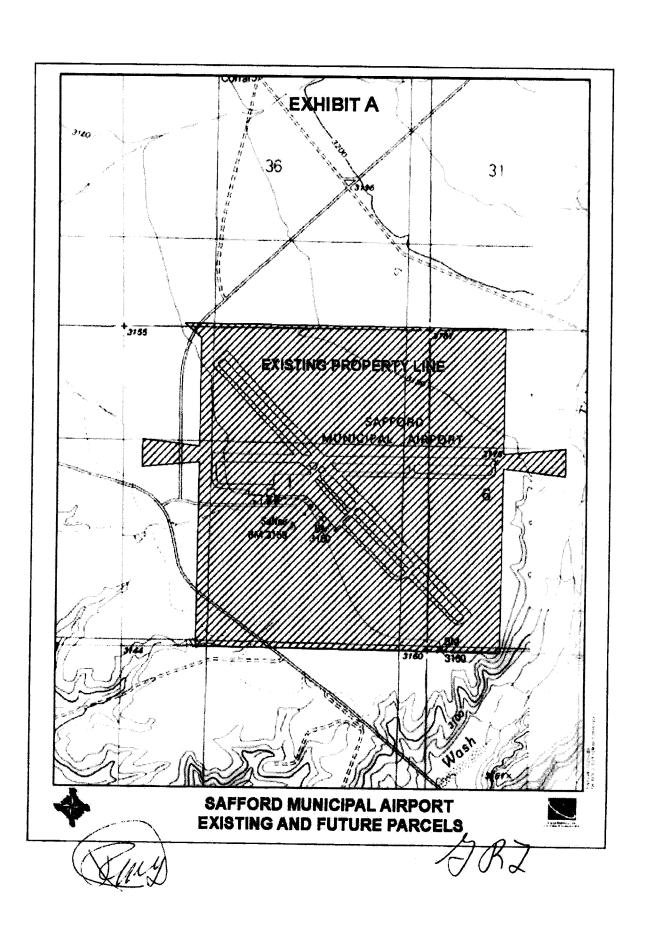
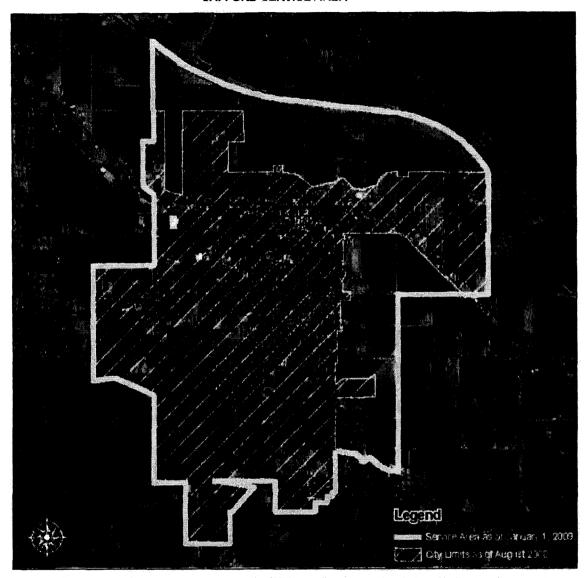


EXHIBIT B SAFFORD SERVICE AREA



Using a starting point at Hwy 181 and the north bank of High Line Canal at existing Safford City Limits, going east along the north bank of the Highline Canal to the west side of Welker Lane, going north on the west side of Welker Lane to 20th street, then continuing north across 20th street along the west bank of Graveyard Wash to Union Canal. Then going east along the north bank of the Union Canal intersecting the existing Safford City limits at the point where the Union Canal and Hwy 70 intersect. Continuing east and then north following the existing Safford City Limits to the northeast corner of the existing Safford City Limits; turning northwest following the center of the Gila River bottom to the intersection of the center of the Gila River bottom and the west boundary of Township 7 South and Range 26 East. Then going south along the west boundary of Township 7 South and Range 26 East to the northwest corner of the existing Safford City limits, then following the existing Safford City Limits south then east then north ending back at the intersection of Hwy 191 and the north bank of the Highline Canal "starting point". Note all references to the "existing Safford City Limits"...on this Exhibit are the official Safford City Limits as of August 2008.

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Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. City of Safford Final Transfer Facilities Replacement Cost Less Depreciation

		Number of		Extended		Replacement
		Units in	Replacement	Replacement	Accumulated	Cost Less
Description	Unit Assembly	Transfer	Cost	Cost	Depreciation	Depreciation
30' Pole	30/6	191	205.00	39,155.00	19,199.35	19,955.65
35' Pole	30/5	107	310.00	33,170.00	16,264.65	16,905.35
40' Pole	40/5	194	492.00	95,448.00	46,802.18	48,645.82
45' Pole	45/5	30	720.00	21,600.00	10,591.39	11,008.61
55' Pole	55/5	1	940.00	940.00	460.92	479.08
SP Pole Assembly	SP	87	15.00	1,305.00	639.90	665.10
SLP Pole Assembly	SLP	139	20.00	2,780.00	1,363.15	1,416.85
OHG Pole Assembly	OHGPOLE	4	25.00	100.00	49.03	50.97
A1 Pole Assembly	A1	32	22.00	704.00	345.20	358.80
A1-1 Pole Assembly	A1-1	3	25.00	75.00	36.78	38.22
A2 Pole Assembly	A2	1 1	26.00	26.00	12.75	13.25
A3 Pole Assembly	A3	1	45.00	45.00	22.07	22.93
A4 Pole Assembly	A4	9	78.00	702.00	344.22	357.78
A5 Pole Assembly	A5	25	42.00	1,050.00	514.86	535.14
A5-1 Pole Assembly	A5-1	9	34.00	306.00	150.04	155.96
A5-2 Pole Assembly	A5-2	8	37.00	296.00	145.14	150.86
A6 Pole Assembly	A6	15	44.00	660.00	323.63	336.37
A7 Pole Assembly	A7	3	105.00	315.00	154.46	160.54
B1 Pole Assembly	B1	8	60.00	480.00	235.36	244.64
B7 Pole Assembly	87	1 7	106.00	742.00	363.83	378.17
B8 Pole Assembly	B8	2	133.00	266.00	130.43	135.57
	C1	69	75.00	5,175.00	2,537.52	2,637.48
C1 Pole Assembly C1-2 Pole Assembly	C1-2	32	145.00	4,640.00	2,275.19	2,364.81
	C2 C2	6	190.00	1,140.00	558.99	581.01
C2 Pole Assembly	C7	67	205.00	13,735.00	6,734.85	7,000.15
C7 Pole Assembly C7A Pole Assembly	C7A	9	250.00	2,250.00	1,103.27	1,146.73
	C7-1	6	245.00	1,470.00	720.80	749.20
C7-1 Pole Assembly	C8	16	425.00	6,800.00	3,334.33	3,465.67
C8 1 Pala Assembly	C8-1	2	415.00	830.00	406.98	423.02
C8-1 Pole Assembly	C8-3	1 7	505.00	3,535.00	1,733.36	1,801.64
C8-3 Pole Assembly C9 Pole Assembly	C9	1	315.00	315.00	154.46	160.54
C9-1 Pole Assembly	C9-1	9	175.00	1,575.00	772.29	802.71
	C9-3	3	180.00	540.00	264.78	275.22
C9-3 Pole Assembly	1000	660	32,00	21,120.00		10,763.97
Single Phase Meters Three Phase Meters		71	180.00	12,780.00	6,266.57	6,513.43
5KVA Single Phase Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 1PH 5KVA	6	500.00	3,000.00		1,528.97
	OH 1PH 7.5KVA	1	650.00	650.00	318.72	331.28
7.5KVA Single Phase Xfmr-Pole Mount 10KVA Single Phase Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 1PH 10KVA	23	850.00	19,550.00	9.586.19	9,963.81
15KVA Single Phase Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 1PH 15KVA	26	950.00	24,700.00		12,588.55
25KVA Single Phase Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 1PH 25KVA	45	1,190.00	53,550.00	26,257.82	27,292.18
37.5KVA Single Phase Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 1PH 37.5KVA	3	1,500.00	4,500.00		2,293.46
	OH 1PH 50KVA	5	1,800.00	9,000.00		4,586.92
50KVA Single Phase Xfmr-Pole Mount 100KVA Single Phase Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 1PH 100KVA	1	3,000.00	3,000.00	· ************************************	1,528.97
5KVA Double Bushing Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH VPH 5KVA	1 i	350.00	350.00		178.38
	OH VPH 10KVA	1	650.00	650.00	318.72	331.28
10KVA Double Bushing Xfmr-Pole Mount 15KVA Double Bushing Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH VPH 15KVA	3	750.00	2,250.00		1,146.73
25KVA Double Bushing Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH VPH 25KVA	3	950.00	2,850.00		1,452.52
37.5KVA Double Bushing Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH VPH 37.5KVA	2	1,250.00	2,500.00	1	1,274.14
5KVA Double Bushing 3PH Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 3PH 5KVA	9	350.00	3,150.00		1,605.42
7.5KVA Double Bushing 3PH Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 3PH 7.5KVA	3	450.00	1,350.00		688.04
10KVA Double Bushing 3PH Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 3PH 10KVA	34	650.00	22,100.00	<u> </u>	11,263.44
15KVA Double Bushing 3PH Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 3PH 15KVA	20	850.00	17,000.00	 	8,664.18
25KVA Double Bushing 3PH Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 3PH 25KVA	21	920.00	19,320.00		9,846.59
37.5KVA Double Bushing 3PH Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 3PH 37.5KVA	8	1,200.00	9,600.00	4,707.29	4,892.71
137.2KVM DOUDIE DUSHING 3FTI VIIIII-LOIE MIDRIT	311 31 11 37 3KVA			2,000.00	7,101.23	
50KVA Double Bushing 3PH Xfmr-Pole Mount	OH 3PH 50KVA	12	1,650.00	19,800.00	9,708.78	10,091.22

		Number of		Extended	,) ,	Replacement
		Units in	Replacement	Replacement	Accumulated	Cost Less
Description	Unit Assembly	Transfer	Cost	Cost	Depreciation	Depreciation
45KVA 3PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 3PH 45KVA	3	7,050.00	21,150.00	10,370.74	10,779.26
75KVA 3PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 3PH 75KVA	1	7,450.00	7,450.00	3,653.05	3,796.95
112.5KVA 3PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 3PH 112.5KVA	2	7,950.00	15,900.00	7,796.44	8,103.56
150KVA 3PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 3PH 150KVA	2	8,500.00	17,000.00	8,335.82	8,664.18
300KVA 3PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 3PH 300KVA	1	9,400.00	9,400.00	4,609.22	4,790.78
500KVA 3PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 3PH 500KVA	4	13,250.00	53,000.00	25,988.14	27,011.86
750KVA 3PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 3PH 750KVA	1	18,000.00	18,000.00	8,826.16	9,173.84
25KVA 1PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 1PH 25KVA	4	1,600.00	6,400.00	3,138.19	3,261.81
37.5KVA 1PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 1PH 37.5KVA	4	1,850.00	7,400.00	3,628.53	3,771.47
50KVA 1PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 1PH 50KVA	55	2,300.00	126,500.00	62,028.29	64,471.71
75KVA 1PH URD Xfmr-Padmount	URD 1PH 75KVA	37	2,700.00	99,900.00	48,985.18	50,914.82
Primary Switching Cabinet-1PH	PRI SWCB 1PH	6	400.00	2,400.00	1,176.82	1,223.18
Primary Switching Cabinet-3PH	PRI SWCB 3PH	22	850.00	18,700.00	9,169.40	9,530.60
Secondary Tub	SEC PED	173	180.00	31,140.00	15,269.26	15,870.74
Guy/Anchor		112	139.00	15,568.00	7,633.65	7,934.35
Regulators		3	9,000.00	27,000.00	13,239.24	13,760,76
Capacitors		3	500.00	1,500.00	735.51	764.49
Overhead Guy Wire	OHG-WIRE	460	0.45	207.00	101.50	105.50
1/0 Quad Plex	1/0-QP	595	1.70	1,011.50	495.98	515.52
1/0 Tri Plex	1/0-TP	10,490	0.91	9,545.90	4,680.76	4,865.14
#2 Quad Plex	2-QP	2,042	1.05	2,144.10	1,051.34	1,092.76
#2 Tri Plex	2-TP	11,930	0.80	9.544.00	4,679.83	4,864.17
3 Phase #2 ACSR	3PH-2-ACSR	31,000	0.24	7,440.00	3,648.15	3,791.85
3 Phase #2 Stranded Copper	3PH-2-STR-CU	7,520	1.06	7,971.20	3,908.62	4,062.58
3 Phase 4-0 ACSR	3PH-4/0	36,160	0.52	18,803.20	9,220.00	9,583.20
3 Phase #4 ASCR	3PH-4-ACSR	31,800	0.18	5,724.00	2,806.72	2,917.28
3 Phase #4 Stranded Copper	3PH-4-STR-CU	10,560	0.70	7,392.00	3,624.61	3,767.39
3 Phase #6 Solid Copper	3PH-6-SOL-CU	27,120	0.40	10,848.00	5,319.23	5,528.77
4/0 Quad Plex	4/0-QP	433	2.85	1,234.05	605.11	628.94
4/0 Tri Plex	4/0-TP	345	2.05	707.25	346.79	360.46
#4 ACSR	4-ACSR	19,720	0.18	3,549.60	1,740.52	1,809.08
#4 Duplex	4-DP	1,472	0.34	500.48	245.41	255.07
#4 Quad Plex	4-QP	391	0.82	320.62	157.21	163.41
#4 Stranded Copper	4-STR-CU	864	0.70	604.80	296.56	308.24
#4 Tri Plex	4-TP	1,670	0.55	918.50	450.38	468.12
#6 Solid Copper	6-SOL-CU	9,742	0.40	3,896.80	1,910.77	1,986.03
V Phase #6 Solid Copper	VPH-6-SQL-CU	6,858	0.40	2,743.20	1,345.11	1,398.09
1/0 Okinite	1/0-URD	20,012	2.70	54,032,40	26,494.37	27,538.03
1/0 Quad Plex Underground	1/0-QP-URD	601	1.71	1,027,71	503.93	523.78
1/0 Tri Plex Underground	1/0-TP-URD	920	0.94	864.80		
2/0 Stranded Copper Underground	2/0-STR-CU-STR	176	2.09	367.84	180.37	187.47
#2 Primary Underground	2-PRI-URD	2,225	1.90	4,227.50	2,072.92	2,154.58
350 Quad Plex Underground	350-QP-URD	82	3.05	250.10	122.63	127.47
350 Tri Plex Underground	350-TP-URD	16,654	2.58	42,967.32	21,068.69	21,898.63
3 Phase 1/0 Okinite	3PH-1/0-URD	15,330	2.70	41,391.00	20,295.75	21,095.25
3 Phase #2 Primary Underground	3PH-2-PRI-URD	675	1.90	1,282.50	628.86	653.64
3 Phase 4/0 Okinite	3PH-4/0-URD	6,135	3.50	21,472.50	10,528.87	10,943.63
4/0 Quad Plex Underground	4/0-QP-URD	165	2.91	480.15	235.44	244.71
4/0 Tri Plex Underground	4/0-TP-URD	6,487	1.65	10,703.55	5,248.40	5,455.15
3 Phase 500 MCM Okinite	3PH-500-URD	3,555	5.00	17,775.00	8,715.83	9,059.17
4/0 Quad Plex Underground	4/0-QP-URD	215	2.91	625.65	306.78	318.87
4/0 Tri Plex Underground	4/0-TP-URD	8,590	1.65	14,173.50	6,949.87	7,223.63
3 Phase 500 MCM Okinite	3PH-500-URD	3,555	5.00	17,775.00	8,715.83	9,059.17
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GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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ACCOUNT 1107.2

January 1, 2009 to August 31, 2015

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WORK

NUMBER	CUSTOMER NAME	RECEIVED	MATERIALS	LABOR	OVERHEAD	TOTAL
	<u>Totals</u>	(23,111.82)	6,257.38	8,274.85	33,109.00	24,529.41
91008	Providence Dev Inc (Copper Canyon)	(179.93)	68.04	108.04	306.69	302.84
91009	Providence Dev Inc (Copper Canyon)	(181.91)	69.99	108.04	307.45	303.57
91011	Providence Dev Inc (Copper Canyon)	(199.71)	87.48	108.04	314.20	310.01
91013	Rick Qwest	(309.25)	64.97	64.56	212.95	33.23
91014	Justin NAPA (Mack's Auto) Rental Building	(5,016.34)	1,353.64	811.55	2,930.82	79.67
91030	Copper Canyon #44	(176.31)	30.86	149.28	399.57	403.40
91038	Prov Dev Inc #250	(598.56)	54.00	129.45	646.53	231.42
91066	Crandall Aaron	(355.20)	83.21	179.01	553.66	460.68
91120	C.J. Angle	(414.17)	152.33	195.59	654.37	588.12
91121	C J Angle	(302.36)	83.21	212.24	741.58	734.67
101036	Providence Dev Inc	(221.15)	63,21	55.78	236.67	134.51
101037	Providence Dev Inc	(191.48)	49.17	55.78	230.05	143.52
101038	Providence Dev Inc	(191.48)	49.17	55.78	230.05	143.52
101041	Elko Wire	(1,222.99)	585.80	407.51	1,788.33	1,558.65
101054	Prov Dev Inc #53	(215.87)	55.04	105.78	463.56	408.51
101055	Prov Dev Inc #144	(215.87)	55.04	121.16	528.45	488.78
101056	Prov Dev Inc #146	(215.87)	55.04	121.16	528.45	488.78
101060	C J Angle Const	(375.00)	67.31	178.83	773.82	644.96
101096	Prov Dev Inc #152	(227.57)	60.41	68.82	325.12	226.78
101097	Prov Dev Inc #251	(227.57)	60.41	68.82	325.12	226.78
101101	Copper Canyon #37	(251.31)	45.31	109.21	493.81	397.02
101102	Copper Canyon #210	(217.68)	-	109.17	468.55	360.04
121008	Prov Dev Inc #148	(313.24)	96.10	86.39	404.08	273.33
121009	Prov Dev Inc #147	(313.24)	96.09	86.39	404.07	273.31
121052	Providence Homes	(295.72)	81.65	76.52	290.31	152.76
121053	Providence Homes	(287.80)	72.58	76.52	282.79	144.09
131012	Providence Dev Inc	(295.83)	83.47	58.74	234.78	81.16
131013	Providence Dev Inc	(287.92)	76.21	58.74	232.55	79.58
131014	Providence Dev Inc	(299.79)	81.65	58.74	234.22	74.82
131015	Providence Dev Inc	(287.92)	76.21	107.42	407.75	303.46
131016	Providence Dev Inc	(280.01)	68.95	107.42	405.51	301.87
131108	Providence Dev Inc #240	(237.87)	82.21	59.62	321.53	225.49
131109	Providence Dev Inc #9	(237.87)	52.32	59.62	301.72	175.79
131110	Providence Dev Inc #6	(237.87)	52.32	59.62	301.72	175.79
131111	Providence Dev Inc #143	(237.87)	52.32	59.62	301.72	175.79
131112	Providence Dev Inc #141	(237.87)	52.52	95.25	434.55	344.45
131113	Providence Dev Inc #142	(237.88)	52.52	95.25	434.55	344.44
131114	Providence Dev Inc #140	(237.88)	52.52	95.25	434.55	344.44
131115	Providence Dev Inc #46	(237.88)	52.52	95.25	434.55	344.44
131116	Providence Dev Inc #45	(237.88)	67.52	35.99	199.97	6 5.60
141022	Providence Dev Inc-Kelson Pl	(273.27)	45.02	142.89	600.49	515.13
141023	Providence Dev Inc-1486 Verado St	(281.18)	55.52	142.80	606.13	523.27
141082	CJ Angle - MV #7	(413.87)	97.53	128.21	610.26	422.13
141091	The River Community Church	(2,343.10)	810.32	1,322.84	5,315.83	5,105.89

141105	Providence Dev Lot #86	(347.81)	41.17	266.44	1,044.60	1,004.40
141106	Providence Dev Lot #110	(357.70)	65.88	266.44	1,061.32	1,035.94
141132	Providence Dev 14-10032	(417.05)	117.88	181.56	691.94	574.33
141133	Providence Dev 14-10133	(381.44)	84.20	302.60	1,094.77	1,100.13
151006	Blue J Storage	(235.16)	51.43	169.76	640.58	626.61
151020	DD Lights - Ellsberry	(315.00)	191.35	61.42	352.74	290.51
151050	Provicence Dev 151049	(350.57)	55.51	96.68	388.71	190.33
151049	Providence Dev 151050	(350.57)	55.51	96.68	388.71	190.33
151060	Prov Dev Inc 15-10060	(365.61)	71.37	100.29	396.10	202.15
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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 2 **COMMISSIONERS** SUSAN BITTER SMITH, Chairman 3 **BOB STUMP BOB BURNS** 4 **DOUG LITTLE** 5 TOM FORESE Docket No. E-01749A-09-0185 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN OF ITS ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD 9 10 11 12 Response Testimony of Kirk Gray 13 on Behalf of 14 Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. 15 16 17 18 19

November 12, 2015

GALLAGHER & KENNEDY, P.A. 2575 E. CAMELBACK ROAD PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85016-9225 (602) 530-8000

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INTRODUCTION

- Q. Mr. Gray, are you the same Kirk Gray who sponsored direct testimony in this docket for Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC" or the "Cooperative")?
- A. Yes, I am.

Q. Have you reviewed the Staff Report filed in this docket on November 6, 2015?

A. Yes, I have. GCEC appreciates Staff's thorough review and analysis of the Cooperative's Application and approval recommendation. My testimony below responds to a few issues raised in the Staff Report.

CUSTOMER NOTICE

- Q. The Staff Report notes that GCEC is obligated to confirm that notice was provided as required by the October 21, 2015 Procedural Order. Has the Cooperative complied with the notice requirement?
- A. Yes, we have. On November 6, 2015, GCEC filed with Docket Control a Declaration of Mailing and an Affidavit of Publication. The Declaration confirmed the Cooperative's mailing of the legal notice to customers in the Safford Service Area ("SSA") on October 30, 2015. The Affidavit confirmed publication of the legal notice in the *Eastern Arizona Courier*, a newspaper of general circulation in Safford, on October 31, 2015. In the mailing to its SSA customers, GCEC also included a separate notice providing some additional

¹ The Staff Report also refers to notice to owners of large, undeveloped parcels of land located within the SSA. The requirement to provide such notice was included in a prior procedural order, dated August 31, 2009. The October 21, 2015 Procedural Order – related to GCEC's currently-pending Application – does not include that requirement.

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detail regarding how the transfer to Safford will be accomplished. Finally, per the Procedural Order, the Cooperative has posted the legal notice on its website at http://www.azgcec.coop/.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Q. The Staff Report includes six recommendations. Does GCEC have any response to Staff's recommendations?
- A. Yes. GCEC agrees with Staff's recommendations, with minor clarifications to the fourth and sixth recommendations.

Q. What clarification does GCEC have to Staff's fourth recommendation?

The recommendation proposes that the Cooperative supplement the record with documentation showing the final purchase price, an updated list of affected customers, and an updated list of the facilities within the SSA to be transferred to Safford. Staff proposes that GCEC file this documentation within seven days after the hearing in this Docket, which is scheduled for November 16, 2015. GCEC is willing to supplement the record with the requested information, but wants to clarify that the purchase price and lists that would be filed within the proposed deadline will not necessarily provide the "final" purchase price or a "final" list of customer locations or facilities to be transferred. This is because the Final Transfer is not scheduled to occur until January 4, 2016 and, as described in my direct testimony, additional customers and facilities may be added between the date of the hearing and the date of transfer. For this reason, GCEC has requested that the Commission's Order

include authorization to transfer to Safford the facilities identified on the lists as well as any facilities that GCEC may construct within the SSA prior to the Final Transfer.

Q. And what about Staff's sixth recommendation?

A. Staff's sixth recommendation proposes that GCEC file all pertinent documents evidencing the consummation of the transaction no later than 30 days after the effective date of the The Cooperative does not object to confirming the consummation of the transaction. transaction, but proposes that the filing be limited to a bill of sale or similar document confirming receipt of final payment along with the final list of the facilities within the SSA transferred to Safford. GCEC believes that this documentation will provide sufficient evidence and a clear record of the consummation of the transaction.

Q. Does this conclude your response testimony?

A. Yes, it does.

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Additional Areas Graham Electric Cooperative, Inc. will serve until January 1, 2016 pursuant to Sec. 7 of the Territorial Settlement Agreement

- park located at the intersection of US Hwy 70 and Little Hollywood Road 1. Service to all rental spaces, common elements and electric needs associated with Sunrise Village, a trailer
- 16, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, G&SRM, Graham County, Arizona. 2. Service to the 279 lots comprising the subdivision known as Copper Canyon, which is located in Section
- Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, G&SRM, Graham County, Arizona. 3. Service to the 52 lots comprising the subdivision known as Montana Vista Estates, which is located in





City of Safford

Confidentiality Policy

"The City of Safford has the following practice concerning the disclosure of customer-specific information to third parties. Customer-specific information, such as that collected and used by the City of Safford for the determination of credit rating and security deposit at the time of new service connection, is not released without specific prior written customer authorization unless the information is requested by a law enforcement agency, is required for legitimate account collection activities, or is necessary to provide safe and reliable service to the customer. In addition, the City of Safford has a formal policy concerning the prevention and identification of identity theft with respect to its customers."

Horatio Skeete, City Manager



MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM:

Thomas M. Broderick Land

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Director

Utilities Division

Date:

November 6, 2015

RE:

STAFF REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN OF ITS ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD. (DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185)

Attached is the Staff Report for the application of Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the Arizona Corporation Commission authority to transfer certain of its assets to the City of Safford and to amend its Certificate of Convenience & Necessity in relation thereto. Staff recommends approval.

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STAFF REPORT UTILITIES DIVISION ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185

APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN OF ITS ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD.

NOVEMBER 6, 2015

STAFF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Staff Report for Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Docket No E-01749-09-0185, was prepared by the Staff members shown below. Blessing Chukwu was responsible for the review and analysis of the application. Margaret "Toby" Little was responsible for the engineering and technical analysis. Carmen Madrid was responsible for researching the Consumer Service issues in this proceeding.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185

On October 1, 2015, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Graham" or "Cooperative") filed an application the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to delete the Safford Service Area ("SSA") and transfer related assets to the City of Safford ("Safford" or "City"), and requested expedited consideration in order to obtain Commission consideration of the request to complete the transfer by December 31, 2015.

Graham is a non-profit electric distribution cooperative, certificated by the Commission in Decision No. 33006, dated April 6, 1961, to operate and maintain an electrical system in most areas of Graham County. The Cooperative serves areas located south and east of the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, but excludes areas within the corporate boundaries of the City and the Town of Thatcher. Graham currently serves approximately 6,500 members through rates and charges that were approved by the Commission in Decision No. 70289, dated April 24, 2008.

The City is a municipal corporation that operates electric distribution systems within and outside its corporate boundaries.

Prior to 1946, the Arizona General Utilities Company ("AGU") was the sole provider of electric service within Graham County. In 1946, Graham, Safford and the Town of Thatcher ("Thatcher") jointly acquired the assets of AGU. On January 22, 1946, Graham, Safford and Thatcher entered into a joint contract ("the 1946 Agreement") whereby Safford and Thatcher acquired the assets within their respective boundaries while Graham purchased the remaining assets.

In 2009, Graham and the City entered into a Territorial Settlement Agreement ("TSA"), in an attempt to fully resolve all issues surrounding service rights and obligations with the common service area. The TSA provides for Graham to serve the Walmart Property and load ("Walmart") through December 31, 2012. Effective January 1, 2013, the Cooperative was required to transfer the Walmart as well as the facilities for serving the load to Safford. In exchange, Graham assumed the right and responsibility for serving the Safford Municipal Airport. Also, the City swapped its distribution facilities for serving the Airport to Graham, in a quid pro quo transaction. In addition, the TSA delineated a geographic area, known as the Safford Service Area, which with certain exceptions, is the area Safford has the right to serve under the terms of TSA. The TSA also authorizes Graham to continue to serve its existing customers within the redefined SSA, from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2015. Further, the TSA permits Graham to sign-on new customers during the intervening period, only when the City does not have the facilities to serve the new customer, at the time of requesting service. Further, the TSA requires Graham to file a new application, no later than January 15, 2015, for Commission authority to transfer to the City, its customers and facilities within the SSA, effective January 1, 2016. The instant application was filed in order to complete the final transfer.

In this application, Graham requests the following approvals: (1) that the portions of the SSA excluded from Decision No. 71471 be deleted from the Cooperative's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N"); (2) that Graham be authorized to transfer to Safford all distribution assets used to serve the load within the SSA; (3) that Graham be authorized to transfer

customer-specific information to Safford; and (4) that these approvals be granted prior to December 31, 2015, which is the Final Transfer Date identified in the TSA.

Staff has reviewed Graham's application and determined that (i) the City is capable of operating the electrical assets that will be transferred and of providing safe and reliable service to the customers being transferred from Graham; (ii) the City is ready, willing and able to provide service in the SSA and has taken steps to ensure that the same quality of service would be provided to the customers within the SSA who have been receiving electric service from Graham; (iii) no detrimental impact to service reliability will occur as a result of the transfer; (iv) Graham is still obligated to confirm via a certificate that the affected customers were given notice and informed of the hearing in this matter; opportunity to be heard; (v) the proposed modification of CC&N and transfer of assets is in the public interest; and (vi) the transfer of customer-specific information from Graham to the City is necessary to effectuate the transfer and would best serve the public interest.

Based on these factors, Staff recommends the following:

- (1) That the Commission grant Graham's request to delete from the Cooperative's CC&N the portions of the SSA excluded from Decision No. 71471.
- (2) That the Commission approve Graham's request to transfer to Safford all distribution assets used to serve the load within the SSA.
- (3) That the Commission grant Graham's request to transfer customer-specific information to Safford.
- (4) That the Commission require Graham to file with Docket Control, within seven (7) days after the hearing in this Docket, late-filed exhibits consisting of a documentation showing the final purchase price, an updated list of affected customers and an updated list of the facilities within the SSA to be transferred to the City.
- (5) That Graham be authorized to engage in any transactions and to execute or cause to be executed any documents so as to effectuate the authorizations requested with the application.
- (6) That Graham be required to file all pertinent documents evidencing the consummation of this transaction, no longer than 30 days from the effective date of transaction.

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BACKGROUND

On January 26, 2010, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC" or "Commission") issued Decision No. 71471 which approved Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Graham" or "Cooperative" or "GCEC") application to modify its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") and to transfer certain assets to the City of Safford ("Safford" or "City") as part of a comprehensive Territorial Settlement Agreement ("TSA") between Graham and Safford. The TSA called for a multi-year transition period under which the final transfer of the Safford Service Area ("SSA") and the related assets would not occur until January 1, 2016. Decision No. 71471 required Graham to file another application with the Commission by January 15, 2015.

On January 14, 2015, Graham filed, as a compliance item, a request to delete the remaining portions of the SSA from its CC&N and for approval of the asset transfer, but did not identify the filing as an "application".

On October 1, 2015, Graham filed an Application to Delete the Safford Service Area and Transfer Related Assets, and requested expedited consideration in order to obtain Commission consideration of the request to complete the transfer by December 31, 2015.

On October 14, 2015, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Request for Expedited Procedural Conference. Staff and Graham submitted a proposed schedule that would provide for an expedited procedural schedule and hearing.

On October 21, 2015, by procedural order, the hearing on the merits is set for November 16, 2015.

THE TRANSACTION

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The City is a municipal corporation that operates electric distribution systems within and outside its corporate boundaries.

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swapped its distribution facilities for serving the Airport to Graham, in a quid pro quo transaction. In addition, the TSA delineated a geographic area, known as the Safford Service Area, which with certain exceptions, is the area Safford has the right to serve under the terms of TSA. The TSA also authorizes Graham to continue to serve its existing customers within the redefined SSA, from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2015. Further, the TSA permits Graham to sign-on new customers during the intervening period, only when the City does not have the facilities to serve the new customer, at the time of requesting service. Further, the TSA requires Graham to file a new application, no later than January 15, 2015, for Commission authority to transfer to the City, its customers and facilities within the SSA, effective January 1, 2016. Following notice and hearing, the Commission approved the TSA in Decision No. 71471, issued on January 26, 2010. Under that Decision and the TSA, Graham continued to serve its existing customers in the SSA until January 1, 2016.

On October 1, 2015, pursuant to Decision No. 71471 and the TSA, Graham filed the instant application with the Commission to effect the final transfer of the service territory and the related assets from Graham to the City.

As shown on Exhibit 3, attached to Graham's current application, Graham has provided a list of its current customers within the SSA. As of October 1, 2015, Graham has a total of 778 electric meters and 600 customers in the SSA. In testimony, Graham witness Kirk Gray states that this number may change before the final transfer because there are active developments within the SSA that were excluded from Decision No. 71471 and therefore are currently within Graham's CC&N service territory. Mr. Gray anticipates that Graham may add as many as 12 new customers before the final transfer.

Graham witness Kirk Gray presents several documents in his testimony in support of the application. Exhibits KG-2 and KG-3 to Mr. Gray's testimony are the inventory of the facilities serving existing customers and to be transferred to Stafford in 2016. In Exhibit KG-2, the list of facilities that were in place as of January 1, 2009, the Cooperative identified the assets, the related sales price and the net book value. In Exhibit KG-3, the list of facilities added after January 1, 2009, the Cooperative, instead of identifying the assets, identified the work orders per customer and the related material, labor and overhead costs. The purchase price of the facilities serving the existing load will be the sum of (i) an amount equal to the replacement cost less depreciation, but in no event less than \$950,000 or greater than \$1,250,000; plus (ii) the cost of any new facilities GCEC installs after January 1, 2009 (the effective date of the Territorial Settlement Agreement). The total purchase price is not yet known. Graham witness estimates that the final purchase price will be in the \$975,000 range. In testimony, Mr. Gray states that the number of facilities may also increase, for the same reasons that the number of customers within the SSA may increase prior to the final transfer. The final purchase price will be revised to incorporate cost data for facilities installed in September 2015 and over the next few months before the final transfer.

Upon Commission approval of this application, Safford would become the sole provider of electric service with the SSA. It is Staff's understanding that the transaction will be consummated in as seamless a manner as possible, with the objective of ensuring continuity and quality of electric service to all of the affected customers.

Staff recommends that Graham be required to file with Docket Control, within seven (7) days after the hearing in this Docket, late-filed exhibits consisting of a documentation showing the final purchase price, an updated list of affected customers and an updated list of the facilities within the SSA to be transferred to the City.

RATES AND TERMS OF SERVICE

The City's rates and charges are consistent with Graham's and in some cases lower than Graham's. The City's charges are higher than Graham's for new or additional service connection, reconnects after regular business hours, returned check fee, security lighting monthly minimum charge, late payment charge and purchased power adjustment. Attachment G is a comparative analysis of the rates and terms of service of Graham and Safford.

The City will NOT charge the affected customers the service connection charge of \$25.00.

CUSTOMER SECURITY DEPOSITS

Graham holds customer security deposits for some of the customers who will be transferred to Safford. Graham plans to refund the deposits to the customers as credits on their final bills. Where the deposit amount exceeds the final bill amount, Graham will refund the remaining balance via check to the customer directly.

LINE EXTENSION AGREEMENTS

Graham does not have any line extension agreements in the SSA boundaries, so there are no refund arrangements to address in the transfer to Safford.

CONSUMER SERVICE ISSUES

Staff's inquiry confirmed that Graham was in good standing with the Corporation Division of the Commission.

A search of Consumer Services database from 2012 through October 27, 2015, indicates that the Graham had eight (8) complaints. The complaints relate primarily to billing and service issues. The complaints have been fully resolved and closed.

ACC COMPLIANCE

A check of the Commission's Compliance Section database dated November 6, 2015, indicated that Graham had no delinquent ACC compliance items.

Graham has filed its 2014 ACC Utility Division Annual Report.

SPECIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

Graham has approved Net Metering Tariff, Renewable Energy Standard Tariff and Energy Efficiency Plan on file. The Energy Efficiency Plan includes Refrigerator/Freezer Appliance Recycling Program, Residential Compact Fluorescent Lamps ("CFL") Lighting Program, Residential Low Income Weatherization Program, and Customer Energy Efficiency Program.

So that the transferred customers are not deprived of the benefits of those policies or programs, the Commission ordered Graham, in Decision No. 71471, to file with the Commission, no later than January 15, 2015, after consultation with the City, a report detailing the progress that has been made by the City toward developing renewable energy, net metering, energy efficiency and low income assistance policies that approximate the programs that are currently available to customers of Graham. Attachment E is Graham's Report on City of Safford Renewable Energy, Net Metering, Energy Efficiency and Low-Income Assistance Programs.

STAFF ANALYSIS OF THE CC&N DELETION AND ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION

In any CC&N related proceeding, Staff is charged with reviewing the evidence submitted by an applicant to make a recommendation to the Commission based upon the facts contained in the application and any responses to the application by interested and/or affected parties. The issues in this proceeding is whether the City is capable of operating the electrical assets that will be transferred and of providing safe and reliable service to the customers, whether the City is willing, ready and able to serve in the Safford Service Area, whether the affected customers were given a Notice of the application and/or hearing on the merits and whether the transaction is in the public interest.

Attachment B includes maps that reflect the boundaries of Graham's CC&N; reflect the portions of Graham's CC&N within the SSA that will be transferred to the City; and identify any other regulated electric utilities in the vicinity.

During its review, Staff issued informal data requests to Graham¹. In evaluating the relief requested by Graham, Staff examined four issues: (i) whether the City is capable of operating the electrical assets that will be transferred and of providing safe and reliable service to the customers, (ii) whether the City is willing, ready and able to serve in the Safford Service Area; (iii) whether the Customers were given notice and informed to the hearing in this matter; and (iv) whether the transaction is in the public interest.

A. Is the City capable of operating the electrical assets that will be transferred and of providing safe and reliable service to the customers?

The City is a municipal corporation that operates electric distribution systems within and outside its corporate boundaries. Prior to 1946, the Arizona General Utilities Company ("AGU")

¹ Determined to be the most expeditious way to handle data requests due to the time constraints involved.

was the sole provider of electric service in Graham County. In 1946, GCEC, Safford and the Town of Thatcher ("Thatcher") jointly acquired the assets of AGU. On January 22, 1946, GCEC, Safford and Thatcher entered into a joint contract (the "1946 Agreement") whereby Safford and Thatcher acquired the AGU assets within their respective boundaries, and GCEC acquired the remaining assets. The City has been providing electric service since and currently serves approximately 4,000 customers within and outside its boundaries. Graham has a total of 778 electric meters in the SSA and anticipates that Graham may add as many as 12 new customers/meters in the SSA before the final transfer.

Attachment F is the Staff Report that was filed on October 19, 2009, in this docket, documenting the results of Staff's review of the initial application filed in April 2009 by Graham. An inspection was conducted in April 2009 of the Walmart Supercenter and the Airport facilities which were to be transferred on December 31, 2012. Staff also observed the distribution facilities that would be transferred to Safford on January 1, 2016.

Attachment A is Staff's 2015 Engineering Report documenting Staff's Review of the Electric Facilities. The report indicates that on October 15, 2015, Staff received responses to informal data requests about changes to the Graham and Safford distribution systems since the issuance of Decision No. 71471. Through Graham legal counsel, Cooperative Staff confirmed that the transfer of Walmart and Airport facilities was accomplished in January 2013 as planned and that there were no problems associated with the transfer, nor have any problems been encountered since then.

Staff concludes that the City is capable of operating the electrical assets that will be transferred and of providing safe and reliable service to the customers being transferred from Graham.

B. Is the City Ready, Willing, and Able to serve in the Safford Service Area?

Attachment A, the Staff's Engineering Report, indicates that in response to a question about changes to either the GCEC or Safford distribution systems since the Decision, GCEC staff outlined several changes that were made pursuant to a Wheeling and Transmission Agreement ("Agreement") between the two entities to increase reliability. Safford upgraded its substation and the 69 kV transmission switching capability to facilitate a 69 kV double circuit into the substation. A new 69 kV double circuit transmission line was built to provide a loop feed for reliability purposes and a primary distribution line was upgraded to handle the load. Under the terms of the Agreement, GCEC will own and operate the transmission line and Safford will own and operate the distribution line. In addition, Safford and GCEC have completed all necessary infrastructure and system upgrades to ensure that the customers transferred to Safford will receive the same quality of service.

Staff concludes that the City is ready, willing and able to provide service in the SSA. The City has taken steps to ensure that the same quality of service would be provided to the customers within the SSA who have been receiving electric service from Graham. Staff also concludes that no detrimental impact to service reliability will occur as a result of the transfer.

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C. Notice

In any CC&N proceeding, notice is paramount to ensure that affected parties (landowners, customers, municipalities, counties, and/or other providers in the vicinity) have an opportunity to be heard. The burden of providing notice of an application generally falls on the applicant.

Per Graham, on October 31, 2015, it published a public notice of hearing for this application in the Eastern Arizona Courier, a newspaper of general circulation within and around its service territory. On October 30, 2015, it mailed the same public notice of hearing, and an additional notice which explains how the transfer will be physically accomplished were mailed to all customers of record as well as 20 property owners holding 40-acres or larger parcels of undeveloped land, within the SSA.

Per a Procedural Order issued October 21, 2015, Graham is directed to file certifications of mailing and publication of the hearing as soon as practical able after they have been completed.

Staff concludes that Graham is still obligated to confirm via a certificate that the affected customers were given notice and informed of the hearing in this matter.

D. Public Interest

Decision No. 71471 approved Graham's application to modify its CC&N and to transfer certain assets to the City as part of a comprehensive Territorial Settlement Agreement between Graham and Safford. The TSA, approved in Decision No. 71471, called for a multi-year transition period under which the final transfer of the Safford Service Area and the related assets would not occur until January 1, 2016. Decision No. 71471 and the TSA required Graham to file another application with the Commission by January 15, 2015. The instant application was filed in order to complete the final transfer.

The Commission found that "the TSA was in the public interest", hence, it was approved. The parties has the burden of proof of demonstrating the proposed modification of the CC&N and the transfer of assets is in the public interest. The six-year lengthy transition period allowed Graham and the City time to implement the requirements of the TSA, including to prepare for the final transfer. With the final transfer, Graham will resolve all territorial disputes, will retain the wheeling revenues from the City and will be protected from the City using its power of condemnation to acquire Graham's assets. The City has the capability and qualifications to provide the relevant service and is willing and able to provide the service at a reasonable rate to the consumers.

Staff concludes that the proposed modification of CC&N and transfer of assets is in the public interest.

Graham requests it be authorized to transfer customer-specific information to the City. Customer information, account information and related proprietary information are confidential unless specifically waived by the customer in writing. Attachment D is the City's Confidentiality Policy.

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Staff concludes that the transfer of customer-specific information from Graham to the City is necessary to effectuate the transfer and would best serve the public interest.

Graham requests that the approvals of its requested relief be granted prior to December 31, 2015, which is the Final Transfer Date identified in the TSA.

E. Conclusions

Based on the information provided in this docket and from Staff's review of other available materials regarding Graham, Staff concludes that (i) the City is capable of operating the electrical assets that will be transferred and of providing safe and reliable service to the customers being transferred from Graham; (ii) the City is ready, willing and able to provide service in the SSA and has taken steps to ensure that the same quality of service would be provided to the customers within the SSA who have been receiving electric service from Graham; (iii) no detrimental impact to service reliability will occur as a result of the transfer; (iv) Graham is still obligated to confirm via a certificate that the affected customers were given notice and informed of the hearing in this matter; (v) the proposed modification of CC&N and transfer of assets is in the public interest; and (vi) the transfer of customer-specific information from Graham to the City is necessary to effectuate the transfer and would best serve the public interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the following:

- (1) That the Commission grant Graham's request to delete from the Cooperative's CC&N the portions of the SSA excluded from Decision No. 71471.
- (2) That the Commission approve Graham's request to transfer to Safford all distribution assets used to serve the load within the SSA.
- (3) That the Commission grant Graham's request to transfer customer-specific information to Safford.
- (4) That the Commission require Graham to file with Docket Control, within seven (7) days after the hearing in this Docket, late-filed exhibits consisting of a documentation showing the final purchase price, an updated list of affected customers and an updated list of the facilities within the SSA to be transferred to the City.
- (5) That Graham be authorized to engage in any transactions and to execute or cause to be executed any documents so as to effectuate the authorizations requested with the application.

(6) That Graham be required to file all pertinent documents evidencing the consummation of this transaction, no longer than 30 days from the effective date of transaction.

MEMORAN DUM

TO:

Blessing Chukwu

Executive Consultant

Utilities Division

FROM:

Margaret (Toby) Little

Consultant

Utilities Division

THRU:

Del Smith

Chief of Engineering

Utilities Division

DATE:

October 14, 2015

RE:

ENGINEERING REPORT FOR APPLICATION TO DELETE THE

SAFFORD SERVICE AREA AND TRANSFER RELATED ASSETS (DOCKET

NO. E-01749A-09-0185)

On January 26, 2010, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 71471 ("Decision") approving the application of Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC" or the "Cooperative") to modify the Cooperative's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to transfer certain assets to the City of Safford ("Safford") as part of a comprehensive Territorial Settlement Agreement (the "TSA") between GCEC and Safford. Because the TSA called for a multi-year transition period pursuant to which the final transfer of the Safford Service Area ("SSA") and related assets would not occur until January 1, 2016, the Decision required GCEC to file another application with the Commission no later than January 15, 2015.

On January 14, 2015, GCEC filed an application requesting deletion of the remaining portions of the SSA from its CC&N service area and approval of the asset transfer. It has recently been determined that the application filed in January was incorrectly identified as a compliance filing and has not yet been analyzed. The Cooperative therefore filed a subsequent application on October 1, 2015 ("Application") in which it requested that the Commission (1) delete from GCEC's CC&N the portions of the SSA not already deleted by the Commission's prior Decision and (2) authorize the Cooperative's transfer to Safford of all distribution assets used to serve the load within the SSA. Additionally, the Application requests that GCEC be allowed to transfer customer-specific information to Safford so that the transfer can be as seamless as possible for the customers involved. Finally, in order to facilitate the final transfer under the TSA by December 31, 2015, GCEC respectfully requests expedited consideration and approval of this Application no later than the Commission's December 2015 Open Meeting.

Background

GCEC is a non-profit electric distribution cooperative which received its CC&N in 1961. The Cooperative serves areas located south and east of the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation,

excluding locations currently served by Safford and the Town of Thatcher. Safford is a municipal corporation of the State of Arizona that operates an electric distribution system both within and outside of its corporate limits.

Since 1946, GCEC and Safford have been parties to an agreement that has been the subject of substantial dispute, including litigation over the effect of Safford's annexation of areas within the Cooperative's CC&N service territory. In an attempt to resolve ambiguities created by the prior agreement and prevent future disputes, GCEC and Safford entered into the TSA in December 2008.

The TSA clarifies each party's electric service rights and responsibilities within the corporate limits of Safford beginning in January 2009 and establishes a procedure for addressing any territory expansion by Safford in the future. With regard to service within the current corporate limits, the TSA identified the SSA territory and provides for a staged transfer of that territory from GCEC to Safford. Specifically, the parties agreed to the following timeline and division of service rights within the SSA, with the ultimate goal being the complete transfer of the SSA territory to Safford by January 2016:

- 1) From January 2009 through December 2015, GCEC will continue to serve its existing customers in the SSA;
- 2) From January 2009 through December 2015, Safford will continue to serve its existing customers and have the right to connect new customers in the SSA:
- 3) From January 2009 through December 2012, GCEC will continue to serve the Wal-Mart Supercenter;
- 4) On December 31, 2012, GCEC will transfer to Safford the Wal-Mart Supercenter load and related infrastructure and Safford will serve that area going forward, and concurrent with that transfer, Safford will transfer to GCEC the right to serve the Safford Municipal Airport properties (outside of the SSA);
- 5) On December 31, 2015, GCEC will transfer to Safford all its remaining customers and electrical infrastructure within the SSA and Safford will serve that area going forward.

In January 2010 the Commission entered its Decision concluding that the TSA was in the public interest and approving the TSA. In addition, the Decision also approved GCEC's request to delete the SSA territory from the Cooperative's CC&N, with the exception of the locations that were not scheduled to be transferred to Safford until January 2016. With regard to those locations as well as the transfer of the distribution assets needed to serve those locations, the Decision required future action by the Commission. The current Application requests that action.

Staff's Review of the Electric Facilities

Commission Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed a report on October 19, 2009 documenting the results of its review of the April 2009 application by GCEC. An inspection was made in April 2009 of the Walmart Supercenter and the Airport facilities which were to be transferred on December 31, 2012. Staff also observed the distribution facilities that would be transferred to Safford on January 1, 2016. The following conclusions and recommendation were made in that report:

"Based on a field inspection of Graham's electric facilities relative to the transfer of Walmart connection in 2013 and a general review of the distribution

system in the Safford Area for transfer in 2016, including discussion with the GCEC Financial Manager Russ Barney, and with Dennis Kouts, Operational Specialist, Staff concludes that the transfer of assets in the Service Area to Safford is reasonable under the terms of the Application and is in the public interest. Staff does not believe that a detrimental impact to service reliability will occur as a result of the transfer. That is because the Cooperative will reconfigure the system by disconnecting its feed into the current load center and let Safford connect the affected customers to its present distribution system.

Therefore, based on Staff's aforementioned engineering review and inspection of the electric facilities to be transferred by GCEC to Safford, Staff recommends that the Cooperative's Application to amend its CC&N and transfer certain facilities to Safford per the TSA be approved."

On October 15, 2015, Staff received responses to informal data requests about changes to the GCEC and Safford distribution systems since the Decision was issued². Through GCEC legal counsel, Cooperative Staff confirmed that the transfer of Walmart and Airport facilities was accomplished in January, 2013 as planned and that there were no problems associated with the transfer, nor have any problems been encountered since then. In response to a question about changes to either the GCEC or Safford distribution systems since the Decision, GCEC staff outlined several changes that were made pursuant to a Wheeling and Transmission Agreement ("Agreement") between the two entities to increase reliability. Safford upgraded its substation and the 69 kV transmission switching capability to facilitate a 69 kV double circuit into the substation. A new 69 kV double circuit transmission line was built to provide a loop feed for reliability purposes and a primary distribution line was upgraded to handle the load. Under the terms of the Agreement, GCEC will own and operate the transmission line and Safford will own and operate the distribution line. In addition, Safford and GCEC have completed all necessary infrastructure and system upgrades to ensure that the customers transferred to Safford will receive the same quality of service.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on both the engineering work that was done in support of the original application as well as a review of the Agreement and of the responses to data requests about system changes that have occurred since the Decision, Staff has the following conclusions and recommendations:

- 1) The transfer of assets in the SSA to Safford is reasonable under the terms of the Application and is in the public interest.
- No detrimental impact to service reliability will occur as a result of the transfer.
- 3) The Cooperative's Application to amend its CC&N and transfer certain facilities to Safford per the TSA should be approved.

¹ Staff Memorandum, Prem Bahl to Alex Igwe, dated October 19, 2009, Docket No. E-01345A-08-0426.

² Determined to be the most expeditious way to handle data requests due to the time constraints involved.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Blessing Chukwu

Executive Consultant

Utilities Division

FROM: Lori H. Miller

GIS Specialized

Utilities Division

THRU: Del Smith

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DATE:

October 13, 2015

RE:

GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. - APPLICATION TO

DELETE SAFFORD SERVICE AREA (DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185)

The area requested by Graham County Electric Cooperative for a partial deletion of its CC&N has been plotted with no complications using the legal description provided with the application (a copy of which is attached).

Attached is a copy of the map and the legal description for your files.

/lhm

Attachments

cc: Ms. Jennifer A. Cranston

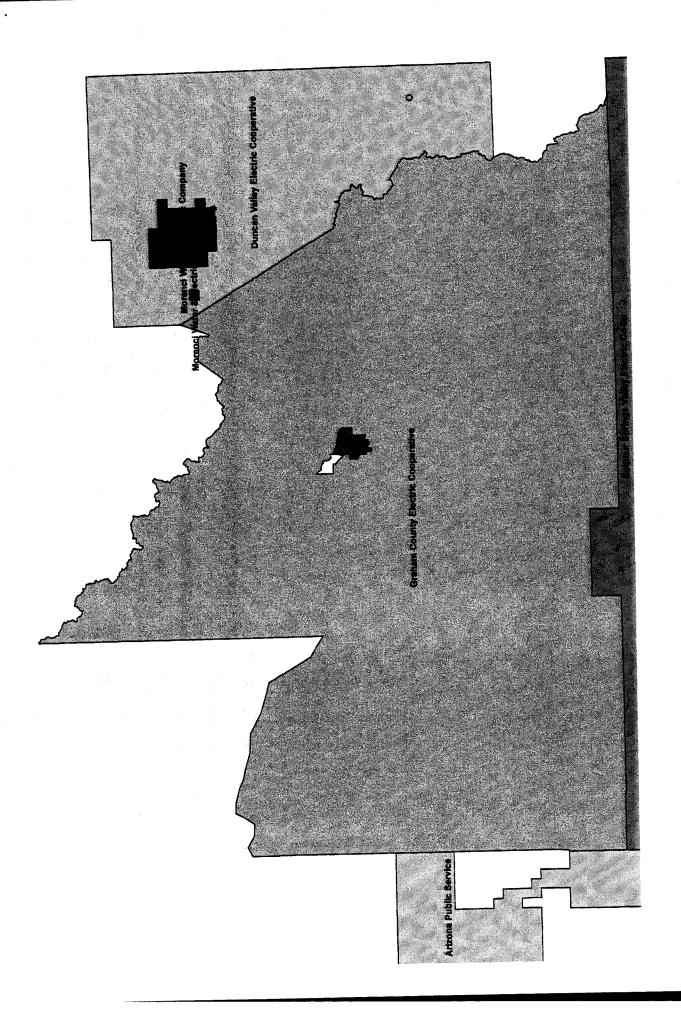
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SERVICE BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

A boundary description for the Municipal Electric Utility Service Area of the City of Safford, Arizona, encompassing all or portions of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, Township 7 South, Range 26 East AND Sections 12, 13, 24, Township 7 South, Range 25 East, all of Gila and Salt River Meridian, Graham County, Arizona, said boundary being more particularly described as follows;

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Section 6;

Thence South 00° 02' 48" West, along the West line of said Section 6, a distance of 2,239.79 feet to a point of intersection of said West line and the approximate centerline of the Gila River being a curve concave to the Northeast and the POINT OF BEGINNING of said boundary;

Thence Southeasterly along said Gila River approximate centerline, being a curve to the left, having a chord bearing of South 66° 56' 09" East, a distance of 6,564.66 feet, a radius of 10,856.29 feet, and a central angle of 35° 11' 49" for an arc distance of 6,669.03 feet;

Thence continue along said centerline South 82° 37' 14" East, a distance of 4,534.80 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Southeasterly along said centerline, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of South 56° 44' 25" East, a distance of 4,543.12 feet, a radius of 5,508.17 feet, and a central angle of 48° 42' 40" for an arc distance of 4,682.88 feet to the northeast corner of the current City of Safford City Limit boundary, and the Center-East Sixteenth Corner of said Section 9;

Thence leaving said Gila River centerline, South 00° 02' 13" East, along the eastern City of Safford's City Limit boundary, being adjacent to the East Sixteenth line of said Sections 9 AND 16, a distance of 5,278.64 feet to a point of intersection with the Union Canal being the Center-East Sixteenth Corner of said Section 16;

Thence along said Union Canal, North 89° 38' 26" West, along the East-West Midsection line of said Section 16, a distance of 3,921.38 feet to the West Quarter Corner of said Section 16;

Thence South 00° 15' 29" West, along the East line of said Section 17 a distance of 2,635.04 feet to the Southeast corner of said Section 17.

Thence South 00° 14' 30" East, along the East line of said Section 20, being adjacent to Welker Lane, a distance of 4,905.90 feet to a point of intersection with the approximate centerline of the Highline Canal;

Thence along said Highline Canal approximate centerline the following twenty-eight (28) courses:

Thence North 75° 56' 45" West, a distance of 68.33 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 79° 33' 45" West, a distance of 73.48 feet, a radius of 397.86 feet, and a central angle of 10° 35' 50" for an arc distance of 73.59 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 80° 32' 16" West, a distance of 75.19 feet, a radius of 3,328.84 feet, and a central angle of 01° 17' 39" for an arc distance of 75.19 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 81° 38' 03" West, a distance of 163.39 feet, a radius of 1,186.43 feet, and a central angle of 07° 53' 47" for an arc distance of 163.51 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 73° 18' 03" West, a distance of 59.56 feet, a radius of 248.98 feet, and a central angle of 13° 44' 24" for an arc distance of 59.71 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 67° 15' 30" West, a distance of 172.18 feet, a radius of 727.86 feet, and a central angle of 13° 35' 07" for an arc distance of 172.58 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 62° 56' 58" West, a distance of 150.54 feet, a radius of 837.99 feet, and a central angle of 10° 18' 24" for an arc distance of 150.74 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 61° 14° 34" West, a distance of 88.94 feet, a radius of 364.17 feet, and a central angle of 14° 01° 41" for an arc distance of 89.16 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 59° 36' 04" West, a distance of 82.68 feet, a radius of 160.87 feet, and a central angle of 29° 46' 58" for an arc distance of 83.62 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 46° 35' 02" West, a distance of 291.92 feet, a radius of 675.72 feet, and a central angle of 24° 56' 56" for an arc distance of 294.24 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 50° 06' 45" West, a distance of 154.39 feet, a radius of 1,294.59 feet, and a central angle of 06° 50' 14" for an arc distance of 154.48 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest:

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 85° 53' 24" West, a distance of 116.27 feet, a radius of 87.40 feet, and a central angle of 83° 23' 24" for an arc distance of 127.21 feet;

Thence South 39° 34' 23" West, a distance of 197.30 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northwest;

Thence Southwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of South 64° 17' 24" West, a distance of 41.62 feet, a radius of 51.38 feet, and a central angle of 47° 47' 16" for an arc distance of 42.85 feet;

Thence North 85° 24' 00" West, a distance of 60.61 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 36° 38' 44" West, a distance of 70.97 feet, a radius of 53.76 feet, and a central angle of 82° 37' 02" for an arc distance of 77.52 feet;

Thence North 04° 42' 28" East, a distance of 59.23 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 27° 34' 28" West, a distance of 70.51 feet, a radius of 104.10 feet, and a central angle of 39° 35' 27" for an arc distance of 71.93 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 57° 05' 41" West, a distance of 140.61 feet, a radius of 208.76 feet, and a central angle of 39° 21' 45" for an arc distance of 143.42 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 57° 55' 34" West, a distance of 61.47 feet, a radius of 81.24 feet, and a central angle of 44° 27' 19" for an arc distance of 63.03 feet;

Thence North 40° 12' 21" West, a distance of 76.38 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 66° 22' 14" West, a distance of 60.64 feet, a radius of 66.96 feet, and a central angle of 53° 50' 39" for an arc distance of 62.93 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 85° 06' 53" West, a distance of 81.55 feet, a radius of 384.94 feet, and a central angle of 12° 09' 37" for an arc distance of 81.70 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 85° 27' 18" West, a distance of 99.14 feet, a radius of 701.53 feet, and a central angle of 08° 06' 13" for an arc distance of 99.22 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 83° 38' 43" West, a distance of 112.93 feet, a radius of 483.08 feet, and a central angle of 13° 25' 31" for an arc distance of 113.19 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 78° 54' 49" West, a distance of 161.39 feet, a radius of 957.47 feet, and a central angle of 09° 40' 09" for an arc distance of 161.58 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 80° 10' 51" West, a distance of 109.94 feet, a radius of 338.75 feet, and a central angle of 18° 40' 43" for an arc distance of 110.43 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southwest;

Thence Northwesterly, along said curve to the left, having a chord bearing of North 74° 30° 26" West, a distance of 212.44 feet, a radius of 2,508.66 feet, and a central angle of 04° 51' 13" for an arc distance of 212.51 feet to a point of intersection of the Highline Canal with the North-South Mid-section line of said Section 20;

Thence leaving said Highline Canal, South 00° 03' 08" East, along the North-South Midsection line of said Sections 20 AND 29, being adjacent to Arizona State Highway 191, a distance of 1,802.19 feet to a point on the City of Safford's southern City Limit boundary;

Thence along said southern City Limit boundary the following eighteen (18) courses:

Thence South 89° 47' 27" West, a distance of 202.49 feet;

Thence South 00° 14' 08" East, a distance of 199.51 feet;

Thence South 89° 47' 28" West, a distance of 198.50 feet;

Thence South 00° 14' 12" East, a distance of 225.48 feet;

Thence South 89° 47' 30" West, a distance of 525.00 feet;

Thence South 00° 14' 10" East, a distance of 371.78 feet;

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Thence South 89° 55' 45" West, along the North Sixteenth line of said Section 29, a distance of 1,704.61 feet;

Thence North 00° 07' 49" West, along the West line of said Section 29, a distance of 1,317.71 feet;

Thence South 89° 47' 18" West, along the South line of said Section 19, a distance of 2,615.75 feet;

Thence South 00° 17' 29" East, a distance of 8.88 feet;

Thence North 89° 09' 06" East, a distance of 164.12 feet;

Thence South 80° 57' 10" East, a distance of 1,577.26 feet;

Thence South 41° 50' 05" West, a distance of 1,426.59 feet;

Thence South 89° 55' 45" West, a distance of 110.00 feet;

Thence South 00° 10' 25" East, a distance of 1,322.07 feet;

Thence South 89° 52' 51" West, along the East-West Mid-section line of said Section 30. a distance of 1,927.11 feet;

Thence North 00° 06' 11" East, along the West Sixteenth line of said Section 30, a distance of 2,589.18 feet;

Thence South 89° 47' 58" West, a distance of 1,322.45 feet to a point of intersection of said southern City Limit boundary with the City of Safford's western City Limit boundary;

Thence along said western City Limit boundary the following thirteen (13) courses:

Thence North 00° 02' 56" East, being adjacent to Twentieth Avenue, a distance of 3,742.22 feet;

Thence North 65° 41' 15" West, a distance of 1,839.19 feet;

Thence South 82° 18' 45" West, a distance of 924.50 feet;

Thence North 00° 06' 09" East, along the North-South Mid-section line of said Sections 13 and 24, a distance of 4,917.39 feet;

Thence South 89° 52' 59" East, along the North Sixteenth line of said Section 13, a distance of 2,634.80 feet;

Thence North 00° 07' 21" East, along the West line of said Sections 7 and 18, being adjacent to Twentieth Avenue, a distance of 3,011.82 feet to a point of intersection of said West line and the South Right-of-Way line of Arizona State Highway 70 being a curve concave to the Northeast;

Thence Northwesterly along said South Right-of-Way line, along said curve to the right, having a chord bearing of North 52° 13' 32" West, a distance of 612.03 feet, a radius of 3,695.58 feet, and a central angle of 09° 29' 59" for an arc distance of 612.73 feet;

Thence leaving said South Right-of-Way line, North 00° 25' 52" East, a distance of 1,864.49 feet;

Thence North 73° 40' 50" East, a distance of 44.93 feet;

Thence North 79° 11' 39" East, a distance of 106.30 feet;

Thence North 86° 49' 49" East, a distance of 140.00 feet;

Thence South 89° 21' 17" East, a distance of 184.00 feet;

Thence North 00° 03' 53" East, along the West line of said Sections 7 and 18, a distance of 1,304.25 feet;

Thence leaving said western City Limit boundary, North 00° 02' 46" East, along the West line of said Section 6 a distance of 2,962.02 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

MEMORANDUM Updated October 27, 2015

TO:

Blessing Chukwu

Executive Consultant

Utilities Division

FROM:

Carmen Madrid

Public Utility Consumer Analyst

Utilities Division

DATE:

April 24, 2009 - updated October 27, 2015

RE:

Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Docket No. E-01749A-09-0185

Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. has applied for amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and to transfer certain of its assets to the City of Safford.

Per information received from the Corporations Section of the Arizona Corporation Commission on October 27, 2015, this company is in good standing.

In researching the Consumer Services database for complaints for this company, the following information was found;

- 2012 One complaint billing zero opinions
- 2013 One complaint construction zero opinions
- 2014 Two complaints (1) billing, (1) deposit zero opinions
- 2015 Four complaints (3) billing, (1) disconnect/termination zero opinions

All complaints have been resolved and closed.



City of Safford

Confidentiality Policy

"The City of Safford has the following practice concerning the disclosure of customer-specific information to third parties. Customer-specific information, such as that collected and used by the City of Safford for the determination of credit rating and security deposit at the time of new service connection, is not released without specific prior written customer authorization unless the information is requested by a law enforcement agency, is required for legitimate account collection activities, or is necessary to provide safe and reliable service to the customer. In addition, the City of Safford has a formal policy concerning the prevention and identification of identity theft with respect to its customers."

Horatio Skeete, City Manager

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Report on City of Safford Renewable Energy, Net Metering, Energy Efficiency and Low-Income Assistance Programs

In Decision No. 71471 dated January 26, 2010, the Commission ordered Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC") "after consultation with the City of Safford, [to] file with the Commission a report detailing the progress that has been made by the City of Safford toward developing renewable energy, net metering, energy efficiency and low-income assistance policies that approximate the programs that are currently available to the customers of Graham County Electric Cooperative." As instructed, GCEC has discussed these subject matters with City of Safford ("Safford") personnel and this is what we have been advised:

Renewable Energy / Net Metering

Safford does not have in place at this time rebates or incentives for customers to install renewable devices. Safford does, however, have a Net Metering Policy in place that allows customers to receive and carry credits from month-to-month for electricity a customer generates in excess of his/her usage.

Energy Efficiency / Low-Income Assistance

Safford advises that it does not have any energy efficiency rebate programs currently in place. On low-income assistance, Safford sponsors the "round up" program. Under this program, residents can choose to have their utility bill rounded up for a larger payment than the bill which is actually due. The difference is donated to a funding pool which goes towards assisting low-income individuals and senior citizens who need assistance with utility bill payments.

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Than W. Ashby
Office Manager
Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

ORIGINAL



MEMORANDUM

EA for SMD

TO:

Docket Control

FROM:

Steven M. Olea

Director

Utilities Division

Date:

October 19, 2009

RE:

STAFF REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN OF ITS ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD. (DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185)

Attached is the Staff Report for the application of Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the Arizona Corporation Commission authority to transfer certain of its assets to the City of Safford and to amend its Certificate of Convenience & Necessity in relation thereto. Staff recommends approval.

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Originator: Alexander Ibhade Igwe, CPA

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STAFF REPORT UTILITIES DIVISION ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185

APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN OF ITS ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD.

OCTOBER 19, 2009

STAFF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Staff Report for Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Docket No E-01749-09-0185, was prepared by the Staff members shown below. Alexander Ibhade Igwe was responsible for reviewing the application and performing pertinent financial analysis; Prem Bahl analyzed the engineering issues; and Carmen Madrid researched the Consumer Service issues in this proceeding.

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GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185

On April 17, 2009, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Graham" or "Cooperative") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for authorization to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") and to transfer certain of its assets to the City of Safford ("Safford" or "City").

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The City of Safford ("Safford" or "City") is a municipal corporation that operates electric distribution systems within and outside its corporate boundaries.

Graham states that prior to 1946, the Arizona General Utilities Company ("AGU") was the sole provider of electric service within Graham County. In 1946, Graham, Safford and the Town of Thatcher ("Thatcher") jointly acquired the assets of AGU. On January 22, 1946, Graham, Safford and Thatcher entered into a joint contract ("the 1946 Agreement") whereby Safford and Thatcher acquired the assets within their respective boundaries while Graham purchased the remaining assets.

Graham claims that the City has exercised an Acquisition Clause in the 1946 Agreement, in annexing portions of its CC&N. Further, the Cooperative states that ambiguity surrounding interpretations of the 1946 Agreement has over the years resulted in many litigations. Graham and the City have pending counter lawsuit at Graham County Superior Court. As a result of the pending litigation, the Graham County Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction in 2005, restraining both parties from providing electric service to the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

On January 1, 2009, Graham and the City entered into a Territorial Settlement Agreement ("TSA"), in an attempt to fully resolve all issues surrounding service rights and obligations with the common service area. The TSA delineated a geographic area, known as the Safford Service Area ("SSA"), which with certain exceptions, is the area Safford has the right to serve under the terms of TSA. The TSA also authorizes Graham to continue to serve its existing customers within the redefined SSA, from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2016. Further, the TSA permits Graham to sign-on new customers during the intervening period, only when the City does not have the facilities to serve the new customer, at the time of requesting service. Further, the TSA requires Graham to file a new application, no later than January 15, 2015, for Commission authority to transfer to the City, its customers and facilities within the SSA, effective January 1, 2016. In addition, the TSA provides for Graham to serve the Walmart Property and load ("Walmart") through December 31, 2012. Effective January 1, 2013, the

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Cooperative is required to transfer the Walmart as well as the facilities for serving the load to Safford. In exchange, Graham would assume the right and responsibility for serving the Safford Municipal Airport. Also, the City will swap its distribution facilities for serving the Airport to Graham, in a quid pro quo transaction.

In this application, Graham seeks Commission authorization to:

- 1. Modify its CCN to exclude the SSA, subject to the exception sought in (2) below.
- 2. Retain the areas where it currently has customers and facilities within the SSA in its CC&N, through December 31, 2015.
- 3. Modify its CC&N to include Walmart, through December 31, 2012.
- 4. Modify its CC&N to exclude the Walmart, and transfer its distribution facilities for serving Walmart to Safford, effective January 1, 2013, with no further action of the Commission.

Staff has reviewed Graham's application and determined that the above transactions are in the public interest. Staff agrees with the Cooperative that the benefits of approving this application, far exceeds the demerits of a denial. First, it eliminates all disputed issues relating to the 1946 Agreement, and resolves pending litigations. Second, it eliminates the risk of the City obtaining Graham's customers and facilities within the SSA, by means of an Acquisition Clause in the 1946 Agreement; which the Cooperative considers to be unfavorable. Third, the TSA provides Graham with the opportunity to continue to serve its existing customers, and some opportunity to obtain new customers. As a result of this provision, the Cooperative's customers will not be immediately impacted by this transaction, but would have a lengthy transition period. Finally, it resolves all territorial disputes, and provides for an agreed-upon process for service territory expansion by both parties. Based on these factors, Staff recommends approval of this application.

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"Safford and Thatcher, or either, upon the annexation or extension of their corporate limits, at any time in the future, of territory adjacent to either of the said towns, shall be sold the distribution facilities then existing in any such territory and owned by the Co-op upon a replacement new cost less depreciation basis, with no goodwill or going concern element considered, and in no event shall the Co-op require that condemnation proceedings be instituted for such acquisition."

Graham reports that since 1961, Safford has exercised the above Acquisition Clause in annexing several part of its certificated territory. Further, Graham states that because the 1946 Agreement was somewhat ambiguous, there have been on-going disputes between Safford and the Cooperative, regarding (1) rights, obligations and duties under the 1946 Agreement and Arizona laws, (2) provision of service to areas annexed by Safford, and (3) the correct interpretation and application of the Acquisition Clause. These disagreements have resulted in two litigations, ultimately decided by the Arizona Supreme Court. Graham cites the two cases as Graham County Elec. Coop. v Town of Safford, 84 Ariz, 15,322 P.2d 1078 (1958) ("Graham I") and Graham County Elec. Coop. v Town of Safford, 95 Ariz, 174, 388 P.2d 169 (1963) ("Graham II"). As of date, Graham and Safford have pending counter lawsuits, regarding which entity has the right to serve certain portions and customer loads within Safford. According to Graham,

these counter lawsuits have been consolidated into a single case, titled City of Safford (Plaintiff/defendant) v. Graham County Cooperative Electric (Plaintiff/defendant), in Graham County Superior Court Case Nos. CV2005-081 and CV2005-083 ("the Litigation"). As a result of the pending Litigation, the Graham County Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction in 2005, restraining both parties from providing electric service to the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On January 1, 2009, Graham and Safford entered into a comprehensive Territorial Settlement Agreement ("TSA"), in an attempt to fully resolve all disputed issues relating to the 1946 Agreement and the pending Litigations. The purpose of the TSA is to provide:

"...for a more orderly, mutually beneficial and rational allocation of electric service responsibilities within the corporate limits of Safford as they have expanded and as they will continue to expand from time to time in the future..."

By the TSA, the parties have delineated a geographic area, known as the Safford Service Area ("SSA"), which with certain exceptions, is the area Safford has the right to serve under the terms of agreement. The SSA encompasses the city limits, including areas in which Safford currently provides service, and certain areas in which it anticipates providing service in no distant future. The TSA requires Graham to seek Commission approval to modify portions of its CC&N overlapping the SSA, and to transfer certain of its assets to the City. However, the TSA authorizes Safford to continue to serve certain customers loads within the Safford Service area as follow:

"The Cooperative's CC&N will continue to include, and GCEC will have the right and obligation to serve, all of the existing loads and customers within the Safford Service Area that the Cooperative was serving as of January 1, 2009. These areas depicted on Exhibit 2 hereto, which shows the location of the Cooperative's distribution facilities (identified thereon in red as "GCEC Conductors") existing as of January 1, 2009 within the Safford Service Area that are used to serve existing loads and customers. To provide further clarity, a detailed list of the existing loads and customers covered by this exception is attached thereto as Exhibit 3."

As indicated above, the TSA provides for Graham to continue to serve its existing customers of record, as of January 1, 2009, within the redefined SSA, through December 31, 2015. The Cooperative currently serves approximately 682 customers within the TSA. On January 1, 2016, Graham is required by the TSA to transfer to Safford, all its customers and electric infrastructure within the SSA. To effectuate this provision, the TSA requires Graham to file a new application with the Commission, no later than January 15, 2015. The prospective application will request the Commission to delete any portion of its CC&N overlapping the SSA, and for authorization to transfer all its assets within the SSA to Safford, effective January 1,

2016. Upon approval of the January 15, 2015 filing, Safford will become the sole provider of electric service within the SSA.

Between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2015, the TSA authorizes Graham to continue to sign-on two classes of prospective customers within the SSA. First, the TSA allows Graham to serve new or temporary loads that Safford does not have the necessary infrastructure to connect at the time service is requested. Second, Graham may provide service to new customers that request electric service directly from the Cooperative, prior to Commission approval of this application.

As it relates to the Walmart Supercenter load ("Walmart"), the TSA provides as follow:

"Through December 31, 2012, the Cooperative's CC&N will include, and the Cooperative will have the right and obligation to continue to serve, the Wal-Mart SuperCenter load, which is located within the Safford Service Area on a parcel of land in Safford bordered by 20th Avenue on the west and 17th avenue on the east, and by highway 70 on the north and 8th Street on the south, and which is more particularly described in Exhibit 4 hereto. The TSA provides that, subject to commission approval, Safford will then take over service to the Wal-Mart load on January 1, 2013, and GCEC will at that time convey to Safford is distribution facilities used in providing electric service to the Wal-Mart load."

Under the terms of the TSA, Graham is permitted to serve Walmart through December 31, 2012. On January 1, 2013, Graham will transfer Walmart and its infrastructure related thereto, to Safford. Concurrent with this transfer, Graham would assume responsibility for serving the Safford Municipal Airport properties ("Airport") from Safford, and acquire the City's infrastructure for serving the Airport, in a quid pro quo transaction. Because the Airport is currently within the Cooperative's CC&N, Graham contends that it would not require Commission prior authorization to serve the load.

THE TRANSACTION

The Cooperative seeks Commission authorization to:

- 1. Subject to the terms of the TSA as described in (2) below, delete the portion of Graham's CC&N within the redefined SSA.
- 2. Modify the Cooperative's CC&N to include areas and customers within the SSA, as described in Section 13(a) of this application.
- 3. As it relates to Walmart, the Cooperative seeks Commission authority to:
 - a. Modify its CC&N to include Walmart, from the effective date of the Commission decision through December 31, 2012,

b. Delete Walmart from its CC&N, and transfer to Safford its electric infrastructure dedicated to serving Walmart, effective January 1, 2013.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Engineering Analysis

On July 14, 2009, Staff Engineer, Prem Bahl inspected the proposed SSA, accompanied by Dennis Kouts, the Cooperative's Operations Specialist. During this visit, Staff observed both Walmart and the Airport that would be swapped between Graham and Safford, on January 1, 2013. Staff also observed the distribution facilities that would be transferred by Graham to Safford, on January 1, 2016. A listing of Graham's current customers that would be transferred to Safford, showing their respective locations, classes and meter numbers is attached to this application as Exhibit 3. The inventory of facilities relative to these customers will be assessed and determined prior to the transfer of the remaining facilities on January 1, 2016. According to the Cooperative, it is in Graham's best interest to finalize this agreement to preserve the wheeling revenue from Safford and to save on expensive litigation fees.

Based on a field inspection of Graham's electric facilities relative to the transfer of Wal-Mart connection in 2013 and a general review of the distribution system in the Safford Area for transfer in 2016, including discussions with the Cooperative's representatives, Staff concludes that the transfer of assets in the SSA is reasonable under the terms of the TSA, and is in the public interest. Staff does not believe that a detrimental impact to service reliability will occur as a result of the transfer. That is because the Cooperative will reconfigure the system by disconnecting its feed into the current load center and let Safford connect the affected customers to its present distribution system. Based on Staff's aforementioned engineering review and inspection of the electric facilities to be transferred by Graham to Safford, Staff recommends that the Cooperative's application to amend its CC&N and transfer certain facilities to Safford per the TSA be approved. Detail Engineering Analysis is attached as exhibit A.

Analysis of the Transaction

Existing and Prospective Customers within the SSA

Graham is requesting the Commission authority to delete the redefined SSA from its CC&N, except for portions of the SSA where it currently serves approximately 682 customers. The TSA authorizes Graham to continue to serve these customers through December 31, 2015. Also, the TSA authorizes Graham to sign-on new customers during the intervening period, only when Safford does not have the facilities to serve such a prospective customer. Graham states that such prospective customers will be served through a Borderline Agreement between the Cooperative and the City, subject to Commission approval. The TSA requires Graham to file a

¹ In accordance with the terms of the TSA, the distribution system, shown in red on Exhibit PB-1, and the customers being presently served by Graham will continue to be served by the Cooperative until December 31, 2015. These customers and the said distribution system facilities will be transferred to Safford on January 1, 2016.

new application, no later than January 15, 2015, for Commission authority to transfer all its customers and electric infrastructure within the SSA to Safford, effective January 1, 2016.

Staff's analysis indicates that the Company's proposal will result in fragmentation of Graham's CC&N within the SSA. As shown on the Cooperative's Exhibit 2 attached herewith, its customers are located in different portions of the SSA. Because Graham's customers are not located in a contiguous area, its subsisting CC&N will be scattered all over the SSA, if the Commission grants this request. Staff finds that fragmentation of Graham's CC&N within the SSA could result in customer confusion. However, Staff notes that perceived customer confusion is limited to the intervening period, from the effective date of a decision in this proceeding through December 31, 2015. In response to this concern, the Cooperative asserts that because its existing customers are known and the prospect of obtaining new customers is limited to the terms of the TSA, any customer confusion will be minimal. As shown on Exhibit 3, attached to this application, the Cooperative has provided a list of its current customers within the SSA, and agrees to provide an updated list by hearing date.

Staff agrees with the Cooperative that the benefits of approving this application, far exceeds the demerits of a denial. First, it eliminates all disputed issues relating to the 1946 Agreement, and resolves pending litigations. Second, it eliminates the risk of the City obtaining Graham's customers and facilities that are within the SSA, by means of an Acquisition Clause provided for in the 1946 Agreement; which the Cooperative considers to be unfavorable. Third, the TSA provides Graham with the opportunity to continue to serve its existing customers, and some opportunity to obtain new customers, through December 31, 2015. As a result of this provision, the Cooperative's customers will not be immediately impacted by this transaction, but would have a lengthy transition period. Finally, it resolves all territorial disputes, and provides for an agreed-upon process for service territory expansion by both parties. Based on these factors, Staff concludes that it is in the public interest to approve Graham's request to modify its CC&N within the SSA, as discussed above.

Staff did not find it necessary to analyze the Company's proposal to transfer its assets within the SSA to Safford, effective January 1, 2016. Staff believes that such analysis is best performed within the scope of its proposed January 15, 2015 filing. At that time, the Cooperative will be more able to identify such assets, the related sales price and net book value, and possible gains or losses relating thereto.

Walmart Property and Load

The Cooperative seeks Commission authority to include Walmart in its CC&N, from the effective date of a decision in this proceeding through December 31, 2012. According to the terms of agreement, on January 1, 2013, Graham will transfer Walmart, along with its related facilities to Safford. In return, Safford will transfer the Airport and the City's infrastructure for serving the Airport to Graham, in a quid pro quo transaction. In other words, this transaction will be effected through a swap, with no gain or loss to both parties. Finally, the Cooperative is requesting that the Commission to delete Walmart from its CC&N, effective January 1, 2013.

Staff finds that the TSA relating to this transaction is in the public interest. First, this agreement eliminates the legal dispute between Graham and the City regarding each party's right to serve the Walmart. Second, it guarantees a significant stream of revenue to the Cooperative through December 31, 2012. Third, it provides the Cooperative with the ability to earn continuous stream of income, once it assumes responsibility for serving the Airport. Staff agrees with Graham's assertion that because the Airport is currently located within its CC&N, it would not require Commission approval to commence serving it, effective January 1, 2013. Unlike the individual customers discussed above, Walmart is a distinct entity with a sizeable load. As a result, its addition and deletion from Graham's CC&N will be seamless. Based on these factors, Staff concludes that the Cooperative's proposal regarding Walmart is in the public interest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 23, 2009, Graham published a notice of this application in the Eastern Arizona Courier, a newspaper of general circulation within and around its service territory. The related Affidavit of Publication was filed with Docket Control on October 2, 2009. Also, on October 2, 2009, the Cooperative provided an Affidavit of Mailing indicating that the same notice was mailed to all customers of record as well as 20 property owners holding 40-acres or larger parcels of undeveloped land, within the SSA.

CONSUMER SERVICE ISSUES

Staff's inquiry confirmed that Graham was in good standing with the Corporation Division of the Commission.

Our search of Consumer Services database from 2006 though October 6, 2009, indicates that the Cooperative had 13 complaints and 4 inquiries. The complaints and inquiries relate primarily to billing, rate case and service issues. The complaints have been fully resolved and closed.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff finds that Graham's application to modify its CC&N to be consistent with the terms of the TSA, and in the public interest.

Staff recommends Commission approval of Graham's application to modify its CC&N to exclude the SSA, subject to the exception provided for by the TSA.

Staff further recommends that the Commission grant Graham's request to modify its CC&N to include all areas within the SSA, where it currently provides electric service, as depicted by the red lines shown on the Cooperative's Exhibit 2, attached herewith.

Staff further recommends that the Commission approve Graham's application to include Walmart in its CC&N, from the effective date of the decision in this proceeding through December 31, 2012.

Staff further recommends that the Commission grant Graham's request for deletion of Walmart from its CC&N, effective January 1, 2013.

Staff further recommends approval of Graham's request for Commission authority to transfer to Safford, Walmart, as well as its electric infrastructure for serving Walmart, effective January 1, 2013. Staff recommends that this approval become effective on January 1, 2013, with no further action of the Commission.

Staff further recommends authorizing Graham to engage in any transactions and to execute or cause to be executed any documents so as to effectuate the authorizations requested with the application. Staff recommends that Graham files all pertinent documents evidencing the consummation of this transaction, no longer than 30 days from the effective date of transaction.

MEMORANDUM

To:

Alex Igwe

Executive Consultant
Utilities Division

From:

Prem Bahl

Electric Utilities Engineer

Utilities Division

Date:

October 19, 2009

Subject:

Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Amend its Certificate of

Convenience and Necessity and to Transfer Certain of its Assets to the City of

Safford

Docket No. E-01345A-08-0426

On April 17, 2009, Graham County Electric Cooperative ("Graham," "GCEC" or Cooperative") submitted an application ("Application") to the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for authorization to amend its CC&N and to:

- Sell GCEC electric assets to the City of Safford ("Safford") in an area ("Service Area") delineated in the Territorial Settlement Agreement ("TSA") accompanying the Application. The map of the Service Area is attached herewith as Exhibit PB-1. The GCEC's Transmission Map is attached as Exhibit PB-2.
- Relinquish to Safford the right, obligation and responsibility to provide electric service to the customers in the Service Area as defined in the TSA accompanying the Application as Exhibit 1.

Utility Overview

GCEC is a non-profit, electric distribution cooperative, which supplies service to approximately 6,200 members in Graham County, Arizona. Safford is a municipal corporation in the State of Arizona, which operates and maintains an electric distribution system within its corporate boundaries to serve its load. GCEC also operates and maintains the distribution system to serve its load within the Safford Area (See red distribution lines in Exhibit PB-1). GCEC and Safford have an Agreement by which Safford can acquire (upon payment and other conditions) certain electric facilities of GCEC and thereafter provide electric service to customers in its corporate boundaries.

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Background

In 1946, Graham, Safford and the town of Thatcher ("Thatcher") jointly purchased the electric system from Arizona General Utilities Company. Safford and Thatcher acquired the facilities within their respective city limits and Graham acquired the rest of the facilities in Graham County. In an agreement known as the "46 Agreement," both municipalities could acquire the facilities and service territory from GCEC upon annexation for replacement cost less depreciation.

The TSA was entered into to settle litigation and to preserve GCEC's wheeling revenue from Safford. With the completion of the new 69 kV transmission line from the Hackberry Substation to the Thatcher Plant by Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc. ("SWTC"), Safford would be able to build a new substation in its service territory tapping into this 69 kV transmission, if it chose to do so. That would result in GCEC losing wheeling revenue from Safford. One of the motivations for GCEC to enter into the TSA was to preserve its revenue stream from Safford.

Staff's Review of the Electric Facilities

On July 14, 2009, Prem Bahl, Commission Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") toured the Service Area, accompanied by Dennis Kouts, Operations Specialist, and observed the Wal-Mart facility to be transferred to Safford, and the airport facility that would be transferred to GCEC in exchange of the Wal-Mart transfer. Both transfers are scheduled to take place on January 1, 2013. Staff also observed the distribution facilities that would be transferred to Safford on January 1, 2016. A list of the current customers that would be transferred to Safford showing their respective locations, classes and meter numbers is attached to the Application as Exhibit 3. The inventory of facilities relative to these customers will be assessed at that time, and determined prior to the transfer of the remaining facilities on January1, 2016. According to the TSA, the formula for the cost of facilities to be transferred to Safford in 2016 will be replacement cost new less depreciation, with a minimum price of \$950,000 and a maximum price of \$1,250,000. According to the Cooperative, it is in Graham's best interest to finalize this agreement to preserve the wheeling revenue from Safford and to save on expensive litigation fees.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Cooperative and the City have spent decades dealing with the difficulties and vagaries created by the 1946 Agreement. GCEC has incurred a great deal of time and legal expense in litigation and other disputes with Safford regarding its application and enforcement. For more than two years, the Cooperative, its Board and other representatives have expended considerable effort negotiating the TSA as a comprehensive solution to these longstanding

¹ In accordance with the terms of the TSA, the distribution system, shown in red on Exhibit PB-1, and the customers being presently served by Graham will continue to be served by the Cooperative until December 31, 2015. These customers and the said distribution system facilities will be transferred to Safford on January 1, 2016.

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disputes. Both utilities, Safford and GCEC agree that the TSA will best serve not only the shortand long-term interests of the Cooperative and its members, but the best interests of all residents of Safford and Graham County.

Based on a field inspection of Graham's electric facilities relative to the transfer of Wal-Mart connection in 2013 and a general review of the distribution system in the Safford Area for transfer in 2016, including discussion with the GCEC Financial Manager Russ Barney, and with Dennis Kouts, Operational Specialist, Staff concludes that the transfer of assets in the Service Area to Safford is reasonable under the terms of the Application and is in the public interest. Staff does not believe that a detrimental impact to service reliability will occur as a result of the transfer. That is because the Cooperative will reconfigure the system by disconnecting its feed into the current load center and let Safford connect the affected customers to its present distribution system.

Therefore, based on Staff's aforementioned engineering review and inspection of the electric facilities to be transferred by GCEC to Safford, Staff recommends that the Cooperative's Application to amend its CC&N and transfer certain facilities to Safford per the TSA be approved.

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Re: Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Mailing in Relation to Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s ("GCEC") Application to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Transfer Certain Assets to the City of Safford; Docket No. E-01749A-09-0185

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are (1) the original and 13 copies of the Affidavit of Publication confirming published notice in this matter in the *Eastern Arizona Courier*, a newspaper of general circulation in Safford, Arizona and (2) the original and 13 copies of GCEC's Affidavit of Mailing of the notice in compliance with the requirements of the August 31, 2009 procedural order.

Your assistance in relation to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

GALLAGHER & KENNEDY, P.A.

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By:

Michael M. Grant

MMG/plp 10430-13/2243161 Enclosures

cc (w/enclosures):

Maureen Scott, Legal Division (delivered)
Alexander Igwe, Utilities Division (delivered)

Original and 13 copies filed with Docket Control this 2nd day of October, 2009.

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I, Doris A. Glenn, being duly sworn deposes and says; that she is the legal clerk of the EASTERN ARIZONA COURIER, a newspaper published in the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona; that the legal described as follows: a copy of which is hereunto attached, was first published in id newspaper in its issue dated Nestember 23. 20 21 and was published in each ____ issue(s) of said newspaper for ____ consecutive weeks/ issues, the last publication being in the issue dated, Ne stember 23 20 199. OFFICIAL SEAL MONICA L. WATSON Subscribed and sworn to before m OTARY PUBLIC - State of Arizona GRAHAM COUNTY Notary Public

My Commission expires: December 11, 2010

NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ING FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD AND TO AMEND US CERTUFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY J-DOCKFT-NO: E-01749A-09-0185

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The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter on November 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. of as soon thereafter at is plactical, at the Commission's Tucson offices, Room 222, 2000 West Contracts the Arrange of the Soon 222.

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I, <u>Than W. Ashby</u>, an employee of the Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC"), certify that on September 22, 2009 I caused to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage pre-paid, a copy of the attached Notice of Application addressed to (1) all GCEC members who are actively receiving service in the Safford Service Area as set forth in Exhibit 3 to the Application and (2) 20 property owners who hold 40 larger, undeveloped land parcels within the Safford Service Area.

Further your affiant sayeth not.

Man W. Conby (Signature of person superintending mailing)

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On this 2 2 day of September, 3009 before me personally appeared 1400 W ASHM (Printed Name of Employee)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO TRANSFER CERTAIN ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD AND AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185

Graham Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC"), your electric service provider, and the City of Safford have entered into an agreement which involves the transfer of certain electric service territory—including the area where you currently receive or may receive electric service—and the right to supply electricity to that area from the Cooperative to the City. A map outlining the boundaries of that area is attached.

In general, what this means is that the City will supply electricity to any new customers wanting to establish service in this area. However, if you currently receive electric service from the Cooperative, you will continue to be GCEC's customer until January 1, 2016.

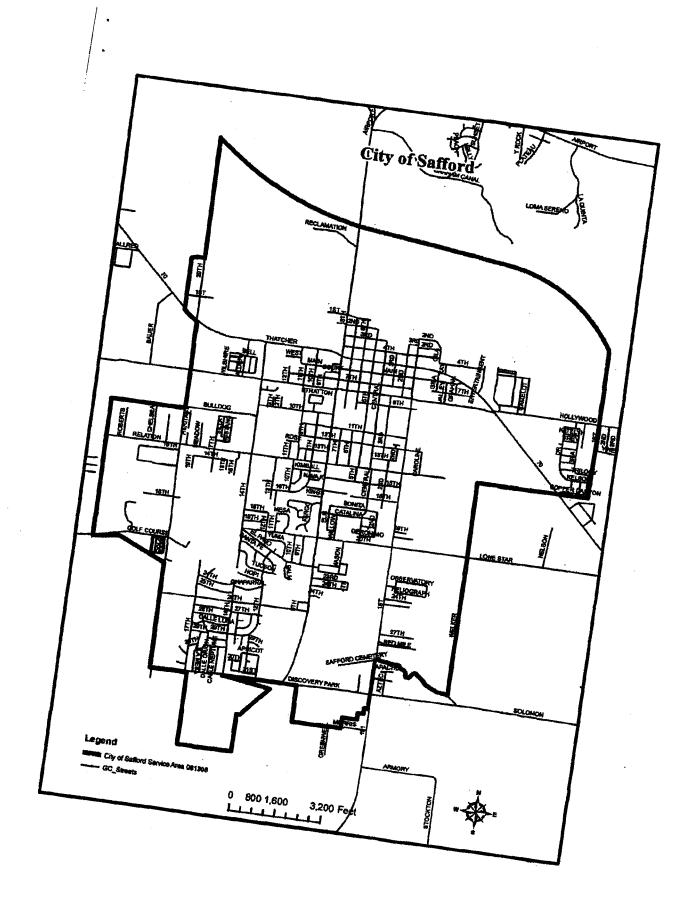
On April 17, 2009, GCEC filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to reflect this change in service territory. The Commission's docket number for this Application is E-01749A-09-0185. If you have questions about the Application, please contact the Cooperative at (928) 485-2451 and ask for Dennis Kouts or Steve Lines. The application is also available for review at the Cooperative's offices at 9 West Center, Pima, Arizona and at the offices of the Commission in Tucson at 400 West Congress Street, Suite 218, Tucson and in Phoenix at 1200 West Washington Street and on the Commission's website, www.azcc.gov, by using the eDocket function.

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter on November 17, 2009, at 10:90 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's Tucson offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

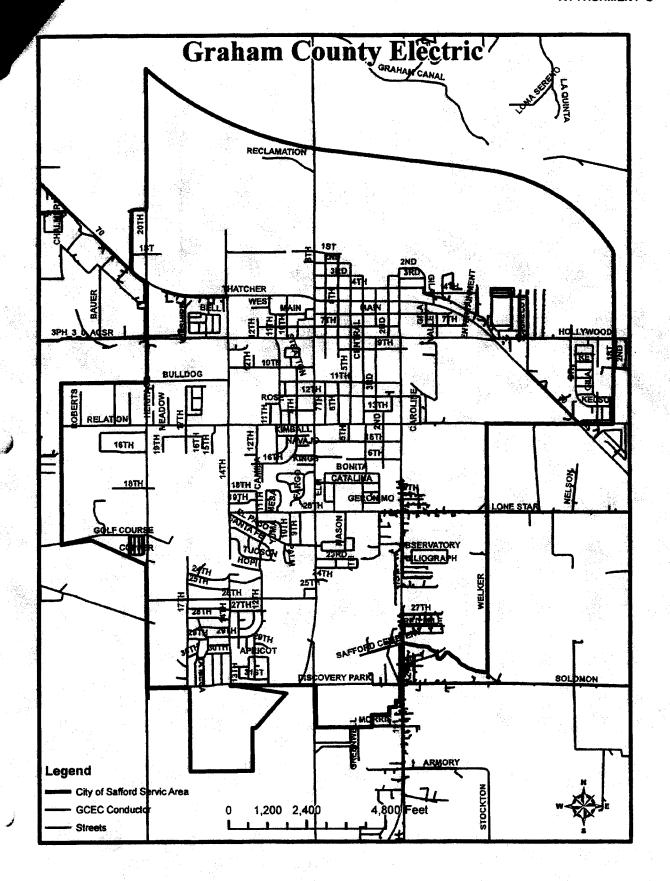
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Comments may also be made by writing to the Commission in care of Docket Control, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. All correspondence should contain the Docket No. E-01749A-09-0185. If you want further information on intervention or have questions on how to file comments, you may contact the Consumer Service Section of the Commission at 400 West Congress Street, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (1-800-535-0148), or 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (1-800-222-7000).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting Shaylin Bernal, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number 602-542-3931, E-mail <u>Sbernal@azcc.gov</u>. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.



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Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ACC Docket No. E-01749A-09-0185 Comparison of Rates and Terms of Service

Pursuant to Decision No. 70289 in Docket No. E-01749A-07-0236, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC") currently has in place the following relevant tariffs:

- Rate Schedule A, Residential Service
- Rate Schedule B, General Service & Small Commercial
- Rate Schedule C, Large Commercial and Gins
- Rate Schedule I, Irrigation Service
- Rate Schedule SCL, Security Lighting
- Rate Schedule SC, Service Charges
- Schedule EM, Estimation Methodologies
- Schedule NM, Net Metering Tariff²

The City of Safford ("Safford") has in place the following relevant tariffs:

- Rate Schedule ER, Residential Service
- Rate Schedule EC, General Commercial Service
- Rate Schedule ECLD, Large Commercial Service
- Adjustment Schedule PPA, Purchased Power Adjustment

The chart below compares GCEC's and Safford's rates and charges:

	GCEC	Safford
Residential monthly minimum charge	\$9.00	\$9.00
Residential commodity charge per kWh	\$0.11038	\$0.0935
Small Commercial monthly minimum charge	\$15.00	\$12.00
Small Commercial commodity charge per kWh	\$0.10969	\$0.1000
Large Commercial monthly minimum charge	\$50.00	\$50.00
Large Commercial commodity charge per kWh	\$0.09876	\$0.0660

¹ GCEC also has certain tariffs in place that are not relevant to this proceeding because (1) they do not apply to the GCEC customers currently located in the Safford Service Area and/or (2) the City of Safford does not have a comparable schedule or program. Those GCEC tariffs include Rate Schedule OIR (Optional Interruptible Rate For Irrigation Pumps 50 HP or Greater), Rate Schedule SL (Street Lighting), Rate Schedule CP (Contract Power Service), Schedule QF (Co-Generation Qualifying Facilities and Small Power Production Facilities Under 100 kW), Schedule Cogen (Optional Electric Service For Qualified Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities Over 100 kW), Schedule A-DSM (Demand Side Management Adjustment), Renewable Energy Standard Tariff and Experimental Schedule A-TOU (Residential Time of Use Service).

² GCEC's current net metering tariff was approved in Decision No. 74874 in Docket No. E-01749A-14-0257.

Irrigation Service monthly minimum	\$23.00	\$12.00
charge		
Irrigation Service commodity charge per kWh	\$0.11554	\$0.1000
Security Lighting monthly minimum	\$5.77	\$8.00 (residential)
charge (small)		\$12.00 (commercial)
		\$8.00 (government)
Security Lighting monthly minimum	\$7.06	N/A
charge (large)		
Security Lighting commodity charge per	\$0.07651	\$0.1000 (commercial)
kWh		
New or Additional Service Connection	\$10.00	\$25.00
charge		
Service Connection Callbacks	\$10.00	N/A
Service Calls after Regular Business hours	\$50.00	\$35.00
Disconnects	\$10.00	N/A
Reconnects during Regular Business	\$10.00	N/A
hours		
Reconnects after Regular Business hours	\$30.00	\$35.00
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00	\$27.50 (check)
		\$35.00 (electronic payment)
Late Payment Charge	1.5%	5% (after first warning)
		Greater of \$10.00 or 5% (for repeat
		occurrences)
Meter Test	\$10.00	N/A
Meter Rereads (if original not in error)	\$10.00	N/A
Purchased Power Adjustment	$(\$0.005)^3$	\$0.024

In addition to the above-referenced rates and charges, GCEC and Safford have in place the following relevant terms of service policies:

Meter Readings:

- GCEC's meter readings and billings are based on actual meter readings, which readings
 are made as close as practical on the same day of each month on a cycle basis. However,
 in the event that a valid meter reading cannot be acquired, GCEC applies the estimation
 procedures set forth in its Schedule EM.
- Safford's meter reading and billing practices are set forth in Municipal Code § 13.04.150. Bills are based on actual meter readings except when specified otherwise in the city code. Meter readings are made as closely as practical on the same day of each month. Meters shall be readily accessible to the meter reader. The customer shall maintain said access in such manner that will not be hazardous or difficult to the meter reader. If access does not

³ Per GCEC's PPA filing in Docket No. E-01749A-07-0236 on September 10, 2014.

comply with the above, billing may be averaged until such time as satisfactory access is restored. Also, pursuant to § 13.04.080, if a meter is found to be not registering or registering incorrectly, the charge for that utility service, for the period then ending, shall equal the charge for the same service for a like period.

Terms of Payment:

- GCEC's bills for electric service are due and payable no later than fifteen (15) days from the billing date. Bills become delinquent (and subject to a late payment charge) twenty-five (25) days from the billing date and are subject to disconnect upon five (5) days written notice.
- Pursuant to Safford's Municipal Code § 13.04.160, all charges for utility service shall be due and payable on the first day of the month and shall be deemed delinquent after the twentieth day of the calendar month. Section 13.04.200 provides that, if the charges for utility service for any month, or partial month, be not fully paid before the close of the business day of the twenty-fifth day of the month following the period for which such charges are incurred, the utility service shall be discontinued.

Line Extensions:

- Pursuant to GCEC's line extension tariff, upon request, GCEC shall prepare, without charge, a preliminary sketch and rough estimate of cost of installation to be paid by the applicant. If the applicant requests detailed plans, specifications or costs estimates, a deposit may be required. The details of a line extension agreement shall be set forth in a written agreement, which shall include payment terms and refunding provisions, if applicable. No footage or equipment allowance are provided by GCEC at no charge.
- Safford requires the applicant to provide engineered electrical plans to the Planning and Community Services department. After approval, Safford provides to the applicant an estimate for material and labor without charge. A line extension is typically approved through a plan review process, and any refund arrangements are memorialized in a development agreement.

Net Metering:

- Under GCEC's net metering tariff, if the electricity generated by the customer's net metering facilities and delivered back to GCEC exceeds the electric kWh energy supplied in the billing period, the excess kWh is credited to reduce the kWh supplied and billed during subsequent billing periods. Once each calendar year, GCEC issues a check or billing credit for the balance of any credit due.
- Safford adopted a net metering policy in 2010 pursuant to which a customer's net excess generation is carried over to the customer's next bill as a kWh credit. Any credit balance remaining at the end of the calendar year is not carried forward or otherwise credited to the customer's account.